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**Dates for  
Omaha 2000 Convention have changed.  
New dates to appear in  
November/December Issue.**



# President's Message



Dear AVSA Members,

Was it hot enough and dry enough in your part of the world during the summer?

I know that some of our members in the east and New England states have had unusually hot weather and also an absence of rain. Our part of Texas has had a number of days over 100 degrees but it was mid July before the hot days arrived. That was a month later than last year, plus we had rain periodically. I only had to turn on the sprinkler system a couple of time until late July. Hopefully, with fall here the weather will cool and and your African violets will flourish for the fall shows.



The minutes of the AVSA Annual Membership Meeting are on page 13 of this issue.

I have been in contact with the Omaha chairpeople and they are moving along nicely with their plans. Be sure and start making plans to attend. Just from the little I know of their plans, I feel that this is one of those conventions you will not want to miss!

Since fall is here Christmas can't be too far away. Be sure to look over the items offered by AVSA when doing your shopping. These items make nice gifts for violet friends. The lovely ornaments, featuring the two top winners from the Sacramento convention, are still available. We received them a little late last year but there is plenty of time to get them for this Christmas. A membership to AVSA is always a nice gift and there is always the possibility that it could bring a new person into our fold permanently.

Are you aware that the African Violet Stamp-First Day Cover is still available? This is an excellent gift for a stamp collector or for those who collect African violet memorabilia. Please contact the AVSA office for prices of items not shown on the order form.

I have stated again and again that there is no better place than AVSA to gain dear friends. Proof of that came again recently. Paula's mother passed away June 1 and cards and calls were received from AVSA friends from across the land. Your cards and calls were greatly appreciated. Nothing helps to heal the heart more than words of kindness from caring friends.

I am sure Bill Lyons joins me in thanking all of you for your contributions for the new copy machine. I am sure the AVSA office staff appreciates it more than anyone! Feel free to keep the contributions coming. We have the machine in place because it was really needed. However, sometimes when we urgently need something, we may have to borrow from the general fund, if enough money has not been collected for the full price of an item. This money is paid back from your contributions.

Take care of yourselves and your plants and we will visit again soon.

Bill Foster  
AVSA President

# Editor's Notes



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Occasionally we hear that some members are concerned because their AVM has arrived much later than other members of their local club. Please note that all subscription copies of the African Violet Magazine are mailed from Beaumont, TX, at the same time. When they leave Beaumont as bulk mail, they are sent to postal centers around the country, where they are divided and sent to other postal centers for distribution. If you are in the same zip code as other members who always seem to get their AVM before you do, it might be a good idea to check with your local post office to find out why your magazine comes later.

If your AVM continues to be late, you may want to give the AVSA office a call and find out how much more that it would cost to mail it with First Class postage.

Some members who do not receive the AVM before the first of the month have been calling the office, wanting the AVSA secretaries to read them the first week or so of information from the Moon Sign Planting Guide. Although some times at the AVSA office are slower than others are, this is very time-consuming. Our information comes from Llewellyn Publishing's Moon Sign Book for 1999. To order your own copy of the Moon Sign Book, please write to Llewellyn Publishing, P.O. Box 64383, St. Paul, MN 55164-0383. The ISBN number is 1-56718-953-9, and the book retails for \$6.95.

Our Advertising Manager, **Judith Carter**, is moving soon to Oklahoma. Her new address will appear in the next issue of the AVM.

Thanks to all of you who send in articles for the African Violet Magazine. I understand there may be some who would like to share their growing experiences and ideas with all of us, but may not consider themselves accomplished writers. Don't let this stop you! Some of our most interesting articles came to me handwritten on notebook paper! The important thing is that we utilize the forum provided by this magazine to share ideas and information.

We have some very interesting articles this time. Board Member **Barbara Pershing** and her husband, **Rex**, provide detailed instructions for building an "On-demand Pump Watering System". With seven light stands in three different rooms, Barbara needed an easier way to water her plants, and Rex solved her problem. Another Board Member and longtime contributor to this magazine, **Mary Ann Switzer**, shares her "Favorite Tools and Gadgets". Illustrations are included with both of these interesting articles.

In answer to so many questions about potting techniques, former AVSA President, **Anne Tinari**, shows us how "Proper Potting Pays Dividends" on page 45.

In our three Showcase sections, treat yourself to more beautiful photographs taken by AVSA Official Photographer, **Winston J. Goretsky**.

**Dale Martens**, "Gesneri-Advice" columnist, shares a very interesting report by **Elizabeth Glazebrook**, AVSA member from Australia, of a Gesneriad expedition she joined in Brazil (page 20).

Word does get around in this society! I mentioned to a few folks an experience we had in the office, trying cat flea collars for pest control, and I've received several calls asking for details.

## THIS IS IN NO WAY AN ENDORSEMENT OR THE RESULTS OF A SCIENTIFIC STUDY!

A few months ago, Jenny and I both noticed that some of our plants weren't looking very good. (Now, this is not all that unusual with the plants in my office.) I did notice though, that a couple of them were droopy and had plenty of water, so that wasn't the problem. One is a favorite from the Florida convention, and it just wasn't doing well at all. Jenny and I figured we had some kind of pest problem.

I suffer from allergies year-round (this part of Texas is quite possibly the Mold and Mildew Capitol of the World), and I'm always reluctant to use any chemicals in a closed space. I remembered that my friend in California, **Lola Rossi**, had good results with cat flea collars, so Jenny and I decided to give them a try.

We bought several collars, stretched them to activate the pesticide, and cut them into 1 1/2 inch pieces. These were placed around the bottom of the plants in Jenny's light stand, and on the sides of the shelves in my windows. I hung a piece on the edge of my favorite plant's pot - not touching the soil, but hanging off the side. (I was desperate!)

We were surprised by what we found the next morning! There were little piles of tiny dead bugs around the bottoms of the pots! Most of them in my growing area were around my favorite plant! We don't really know what they were - we were disgusted and wiped them into the trash can.

We did have mites in one of the stands downstairs, so as an added precaution, Jenny drenched her plants with Knox-Out. I figured the flea collars were doing a fine job, and I stuck with just them. All of our plants are looking fine now, and in a couple of months we'll replace the collars with new ones.

Remember, this is not the result of a scientific study, and we don't even know what kind of bugs those were, but I'm glad that Lola told me about the flea collars.



# What Is Wild About Omaha?

If you ever thought Omaha was tame, you have a surprise coming!

Omaha has a WILD Jungle! Lodged within the world-renowned Henry Doorly Zoo, the Lied Jungle is a gigantic two level indoor rainforest where you can stroll among the plants and animals that live there. This fascinating structure has drawn the attention of architects and tourists from around the world.

Omaha has a WILD history! On the edge of the frontier, Omaha witnessed the opening of the West with the Oregon Trail, the Mormon Trail, and the first transcontinental railroad, all marking their paths through the area. Nearby Nebraska City reflects those early days with one of the oldest cabins in the state and a possible site of a stop on the Underground Railroad. The Durham Western Heritage Museum focuses on Omaha and railroad history, while nearby reconstructed Fort Atkinson

helps you experience what Lewis and Clark saw in their travels.

Omaha celebrates the WILD blue yonder of the United States Air Force who has long been stationed in the strategic center of the nation near Omaha. The SAC (Strategic Air Command) Museum will thrill veterans and children alike with actual military airplanes housed in a gigantic hangar that allows visitors to understand our nation's air history.

Omaha is proud to be home to Boys Town, where the boys (and girls) aren't WILD, but instead have found a new sense of worth, of security and of the meaning of life. The campus features gardens and chapels that will leave you with an understanding of the great goal Father Flanagan had in his ministry.

Omaha has a WILD time waiting for you next June. Come to Omaha and Go Wild! Don't forget to bring your entries for the Show.

Dear AVSA,

Don and I would like to thank AVSA, Esther Wells, Past President, and the Awards Committee for honoring us with the Bronze Medal Award at the 1999 Convention in Houston, Texas. We deeply regret that we were unable to be there to accept the award in person.

Amy Lackner accepted on our behalf and presented the award to us at the AVS of Minnesota Spring Awards Luncheon on May 11, 1999. We thank all AVSA members and friends everywhere for your support over the years. Hope to see many of you in Omaha, 2000.

Very sincerely yours,  
Don and Jean Ness

## MASTER LIST EDITORIAL CORRECTION

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I hope everyone had a super summer. Winding down into fall, we have a prime opportunity to send our violets into winter in great condition. The hot, searing summer is over and our violets are ready to put on a burst of growth, making this an excellent time to transplant, leach, repot, etc. It's also a good idea to put down leaves which will produce plantlets ready for potting in mid-winter. By next summer you'll have blooming plants. Finally, don't forget to order new plant material from AVSA Commercial Members. Some will be clearing out old stock and offering great buys.

## **SWEATING THE SMALL STUFF!**

There's a very fine book written by Dr. Richard Carlson entitled, Don't Sweat the Small Stuff (and it's all small stuff). While this wonderful book is chock full of life-wisdom, I take issue with Dr. Carlson when it comes to growing African violets. The entire point of this column will be if you want grow small ones well you must "sweat the small stuff": temperature, humidity, grooming, cleanliness, and propagation.

Let's begin with temperature. Violets are comfortable in the same temperatures you are! When you're hot (above 75 F or 25 C), they're hot, when you're cold (below 65 F or 20 C) they're cold, and care must be taken if violets are grown at either extreme. If conditions become too hot, fertilizer must either be stopped or given at a lower rate. If not, microbes in the soil become more active making nitrogen more readily available which can damage the roots. Changing to a more "gentle" form of fertilizer, such as fish emulsion, is also recommended. Another recommendation is to run a fan over the plants increasing air circulation. Like human beings, this allows the plants to "transpire" more, tolerating heat better. Pests become more active when it's warmer, too, so keep an eye out for increased populations.

It has generally been thought that violets grow best

when temperatures are around 72 F (22 C), but consider this: several years ago my club grew as a project plant, "Rob's Heat Wave." One member with an exceptional reputation grows under very warm conditions with temperatures between 72 F - 78 F, even in winter. Another grower of equal renown grew his at 60 F - 65 F. The difference between the plants was striking: the plant grown under warm conditions grew more open, showing the petioles, and had smaller, less colorful blooms. The plant grown cool was nicely compact and had larger, more colorful blooms. Growing cool will cause your plants to grow slower, but overall, they will be more compact. Another advantage is that growing within the "cool range" will hold your blooms longer and you'll enjoy them over a much longer period of time.

## **THEORIES OF RELATIVITY: HUMIDITY, THAT IS!**

Closely linked to the concept of temperature is humidity, and again, just as you like it "comfortable" so do your small ones. With increased temperatures, the air can become more humid, with decreased temperature, air is less humid, and so it is in the micro growing area of your plant room. The cooler the temperatures, the more you'll have to struggle to keep humidity up. The warmer it is, the greater the struggle to keep it down.

African violets prefer a relative humidity of 40-60%. Going below that standard, their growth will be slower and less "lush." Blooms will be smaller and have a tendency to "blast." Going above it, you extend a "warm" invitation to disease as it flourishes under high humidity conditions. To address these problems, you might use humidifiers and de-humidifiers. Additional ideas for raising humidity are pebble trays, where shallow containers are filled with pebbles and the plants are set on these. Water is poured over the pebbles and allowed to evaporate, raising the humidity in the imme-



diate area around the plants. If you use matting, you're already well aware of the benefits: not only do you get even, quick watering, but the additional benefit of increasing humidity. This is especially true for the small ones as they sit closer to the matting.

If too much humidity is a problem, constant vigilance for pathogens and diseases such as mildew and botrytis is necessary. Maintaining good air circulation will help here, too!

### AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION . . .

A very good friend and superb violet grower, Helen Barrett of Wichita, Kansas, is a woman of supreme organization, purpose and good practice! Once a year, she and her devoted husband, Warren, clean her plant room using a 10% Clorox solution on everything: walls, trays, shelves, floors, light fixtures, etc. When potting up, grooming, etc., that same solution is used repeatedly on all tools. Instead of letting problems arise and then addressing them, they meticulously use preventive measures to thwart their development. We all can learn from this.

Keep your violets clean: remove all old, damaged blooms and foliage. Keep pots and shelves clean and free from debris. Wash your violets regularly: they love having the dust that collects so easily on their hairy foliage removed. To do this, take your violet to a large sink where a mister filled with warm water is ready. Tilt your violet to the side so the water runs away from the center of the plant, working from the center outward so all debris is washed away from the center. When finished dab any large residual droplets from the foliage, especially the crown. If you're more ambitious, give them the "super-deluxe" wash. Using two misters, one filled with warm water and a few drops of gentle dish washing detergent, mist one plant lightly. Move on to a second plant, then a third. By the time you've completed the third plant, go back to the first and using the second spray mister of warm, clear water, rinse the soapy water off. The advantage here is the soap acts as an emulsifying agent, and is better able to bind and remove dust and other residue than water alone. Continue working through the three plants until you're fin-

ished. Then move on to three more. With your small ones this process should go fairly quickly!

It is my experience that putting the plants back under lights after washing them will not harm them IF large droplets have been removed. However caution is encouraged if putting them into direct or even strong, indirect natural light. Wait until they're dry or spotting or other damage may occur. Placing the plants under gently moving air from a fan will also help dry them quickly and prevent damage.

### CLEARLY PROPAGATION

For every grower there will be a different method of propagation. This is the method which works best for me and is ideally suited to the small ones: save or purchase clear plastic salad bar, bakery or sandwich containers. They should have relatively tight fitting lids and should be washed with mild soap and water if previously used. Fill the bottom part with 3/4 to 1 inch of your regular African violet potting soil. Insert the prepared leaf into the soil. When all leaves have been placed, close the lid tightly and using a permanent ink pen label the lid immediately above each leaf with the cultivar name. Set under lights with the rest of your violets. Within 6-8 weeks plantlets are coming up and some may even be ready for transplanting. Note: the tighter the lid, the less you'll need to watch it. They'll need no extra water unless the lid is loose or there is a hole in the plastic somewhere. Many people have reported great luck using this procedure.

### A RECOMMENDATION

'Gleeful Elf' is one of Hortense Pittman's 1998 introductions, and what a great little plant it is! It has double dark blue blooms with a strong white edge above dark, very symmetrical, very plain foliage that stays small. The best thing about this wonderful little plant is it simply does not know how not to bloom. If some violets are "shy" bloomers, 'Gleeful Elf' is gregarious! Next time we'll take a small diversion and address the wonderful world of miniature and semi-miniature trailers. See you then!

## NEW WAY TO GROW THOSE STUBBORN BLOOMERS

by Barbara Goodsell • Glenview, IL

In 1995 all the members of the Glenview/North Shore AVS were given the club project plant 'Pixie Runaround' to enter in the 1996 show.

I tried everything to get this mini trailer to bloom, but nothing worked. The plant refused all coaxing, so eventually, it went into the garbage.

Only one of our members entered 'Pixie Runaround' in the show, but it didn't have any blooms, either.

Many months later, a member brought in his plant in full

bloom. 'Pixie Runaround' is the cutest little plant with bell shaped blossoms.

What was astounding to our members is that the plant was still in the original plastic sleeve! It had never been removed. The plant is still in the sleeve and still blooms like crazy!

The next time I have a plant that just won't bloom, it's going to live in a plastic sleeve forever!

# Question Box



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It's been a busy year. It seems that Olive and I have been working nonstop for the last few months. There's a show to attend nearly every weekend, then plants to ship out when we return home. One reason we enjoy attending the AVSA convention show every spring is that it gives us an excuse to take a "working vacation", often the only kind we get. We take an extra week to drive home, seeing the sights along the way. Being "plant nuts" means stopping at every nursery, garden, and commercial grower along the way. We always keep the listing of AVSA and American Orchid Society commercials in the car, and stop at every state's tourist information office looking for interesting gardens to visit. If you have the time and inclination to drive, and are planning to attend next year's convention in Omaha, you can do the same. We're already making plans.

Because we're so busy, we don't have time to personally answer questions mailed (or e-mailed) to us, though we do read all of our correspondence. If you need a personal response to your question, it's best to call us during business hours. We don't mind talking while we work. That said, I can be reached via e-mail at [robsviolet@aol.com](mailto:robsviolet@aol.com) or through our web-site at [www.robsviolet.com](http://www.robsviolet.com). The web-site also contains a wealth of cultural information.

**QUESTION:** *Several of my violets have developed abnormal growth patterns. Flowers are small, do not open fully and/or are deformed. Flower stalks are short. Center growth is stunted, leaves are short and not fully developed. Centers are not gray, but some leaves have splotches or varied shades of green. The flowers are the main problem. I do have thrips. Could they be causing the damage?*

**ANSWER:** It's likely that they are. Thrips can deform blossoms, mark them, and lead to them fading or dropping prematurely. Though they prefer, and are most easily seen on

the blossoms, they spend a good deal of their life on other parts of the plant and will migrate there when the blossoms are removed. This is one reason why thrips can be so difficult to deal with. Removing the infected blossoms is necessary to control them but, when this is done, other symptoms can arise elsewhere.

We've found that when we've disbudded violets with a known infestation, the plant can exhibit the symptoms described by this grower. Thrips will feed on the foliage, leaving small, brown "freckles". The center growth also may not develop normally which, in extreme cases, might lead one to falsely believe they are dealing with a cyclamen mite infestation. Infected leaves might also become more brittle and curl under at the edges.

The best medicine is a preventative one. We go through all of our plants on a daily basis, picking off and discarding any blossom that looks the least bit suspicious. We don't even wait to actually see thrips to suspect we have them. Cleanliness is the first, and easiest, step. On occasion, though rarely, we do have to spray. There are a number of chemicals that can be used. We have personal experience with Avid and Knox-Out. Avid, in particular, seems to be effective, and is widely used by many commercial and greenhouse growers to control both thrips and mites. Unfortunately, like most effective chemicals, it is toxic, can be very costly, and is hard to find in small quantities. One less toxic alternative that we know to have gotten favorable reviews by some growers is BioNeem, though we don't have any first-hand experience with this product.

**QUESTION:** *A white crust has appeared on the soil surface of my plants, as well as "brownish crystals" on the leaves in the center. The crown of one plant has rotted. I wick-water and use a soil mix containing one-third perlite.*

**ANSWER:** These are some of the symptoms of a violet that is being kept too wet. Though convenient, wicking is no better than any other method of watering. Unless done properly, violets will be no better off than if watered by some other means. Judging by the volume of phone calls we get, improper wick-watering practices is one of the most common problems among hobbyists.

When wick-watering, it is most important to use a very light soil mix. I would recommend a soilless (no topsoil) mix containing close to 50% perlite. If the perlite is particularly coarse, or vermiculite is also used, somewhat less perlite might be necessary. Vermiculite retains more water than does perlite, though, so it's not a perfect substitute. The rule of thumb is: the wetter you plan on keeping the soil, the lighter (more porous) it should be. To illustrate, plants grown hydroponically aren't grown in soil at all, but in water alone, with rocks or pebbles used merely to provide support and stability to the plant and roots.

It is also especially important when wick watering not to pot plants into too large a pot. If the plant's root system isn't able to entirely fill the pot, then the excess soil will remain excessively wet and can lead to root rot.

We always top water more sparingly, those plants that have just been repotted and root pruned, and those which have been potted into much larger pots. When I wick-watered, I found that plants did not fare nearly as well immediately after repotting. Give the new roots two or three weeks to develop before resuming watering by wicks or mats.

As for the white crust on the soil surface, this is another disadvantage of wick, or other methods where water is supplied from the bottom of the pot. When wicking, water is fed into the soil through the bottom of the pot via a wick, then works its way up to the top soil surface. Because of this, anything in the water will also work its way to the soil surface and, if not consumed by the plant, remain there. This crust is either (or both) excess fertilizer salts or minerals found in the water used. Usually this is only unsightly, but if ignored, can become a problem, possibly burning and/or rotting off petioles or even the plant's crown. Because of this, it is a good practice to regularly repot plants to eliminate the excess minerals and salts with the old soil. Occasional leaching of the soil is also recommended. Top water plants thoroughly so that minerals and salts are washed through and out of the pot bottom.

**QUESTION:** *Is it better to remove a damaged leaf, spoiling symmetry, or to keep it?*

**ANSWER:** If the plant is being exhibited, this is a judgement call. Points can be lost for both gaps in symmetry, and for damaged leaves. If it is not a showplant, it becomes a trade-off between the appearance of the plant and the plant's health. When the leaf is basically healthy, but looks unattractive, this depends, again, on whether the gap is more or

less unattractive than the leaf. If the leaf is not healthy, it should be removed. Only healthy leaves are helpful in processing energy and producing food for the plant. Removing diseased and dying leaves also reduces the chances of spreading the problem of one leaf to other areas of the plant. A clean, well-groomed plant is a healthier plant.

**QUESTION:** *I just acquired a violet from a relative that had not been repotted in quite some time. As a result, it has developed a very long and twisted stem. Is it possible to get rid of this awful looking stem and save the plant?*

**ANSWER:** Yes. Normally we eliminate a violet's "neck" by repotting and covering it with fresh soil. This is done by removing some of the old soil from the bottom of the root ball, lowering the plant in the pot (not necessarily a bigger pot), and adding fresh soil to the top of the pot, burying the neck. Once covered with soil, the neck will eventually produce new roots. If violets are repotted on a regular basis, about every 5-6 months, necks never have the chance to become long and twisted like the one described above.

When a neck becomes this long, repotting is no longer possible, since all, or nearly all, of the root ball would need to be removed to lower the plant enough in the pot to be able to bury the neck. In this case, drastic measures need to be taken. Remove all but the healthiest 4-6 leaves in the center of the plant. Then cut away and discard the entire root ball and old soil, leaving only the fresh, center, growth and perhaps 1/4" to 1/8" of the stem.

Fill a 2 1/2" or 3" pot with moist soil. Press the plant crown into the soil, being sure that its short remaining stem is firmly anchored. Enclose in a clear plastic bag and place in a bright (not very bright or hot) location. In about a month the plant will be rooted and can be removed from the bag – like new!

**QUESTION:** *What is a "chimera", and why are they so much more expensive? Are they more difficult to grow?*

**ANSWER:** A chimera is a plant, due to its genetic make-up, which can only be propagated by suckers to produce an identical (in foliage and blossom) plant. In the violet hobby, the term usually refers to varieties having pinwheel striped blossoms. Identical blooming plants of these varieties can only be produced when propagated by suckers. When done by leaf cuttings, the plants produced usually will bloom without the pinwheel pattern, and in a solid color. Because propagation by sucker is more costly in terms of time and growing space, and produces fewer plants than by leaf cutting, commercial growers pass along these additional costs in the form of higher prices. Once successfully propagated, these varieties are no more difficult to grow than are other varieties.

*Name of columnist replying is in bold print.*

# VARIEGATION IN AFRICAN VIOLETS

by Sue Hoffner

Virus can cause variegation in plants. This is the case with the color streaking in tulip flowers. However, on gesneriads, in particular African violets it is a mutation.

In the wild variegated plants are inferior and don't survive. In cultivation they are given ideal conditions and thrive.

The pigments in the individual cells of the leaf cause leaf coloring. Green coloring, chlorophyll, is in the cytoplasm, (sap) of the leaves. Chlorophyll masks other pigments which show up, when chlorophyll is lacking this causes variegation.

Combinations of the pigments give different color. Variegation in gesneriads can show chartreuse, cream, pink, red, white, and yellow.

## HISTORY

1946 - variegated sports documented

1953 - 'Frosty', a white single/blue eye was developed by Ethel Champion.

1959 - Tommie Lou Oden grew a variegated sport of 'White Pride'. She grew it through nine generations to prove it would stay variegated as early variegates were very unstable.

1967 - 'Tommie Lou' was registered. It was white with a very light orchid center. It had dark green foliage with a feathered white edge.

Most variegates today trace back to 'Tommie Lou', which was considered sterile and was difficult to use in hybridization. Later it was successfully crossed with 'Purple Gold' to give

'Happy Harold', 'Lindy Lou', and 'Top Dollar'. Later efforts produced 'Tiger' and 'Fisherman's Paradise'. From these plants a multitude of variegated plants have been produced.

## VARIEGATION TYPES

There are 3 different types of variegation in African violets.

### *Lillian Jarrett or Mosaic*

These plants have small flecks over the whole leaf. 'Lillian Jarrett' was registered in 1961 but three years later it mutated to mosaic variegation.

### *Champion or crown variegation*

Most variegation on these plants occurs near the crown of the plant. Most crown variegation is yellow in color and is very vulnerable to temperature and fertilizer.

### *Tommie Lou*

Variegation occurs mostly along the leaf margins. The base pattern is usually cream/green but it can be white, yellow, tan and pink.

Many Tommie Lou types are relatively resistant to high temperatures and high nitrogen.

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# REFLECTIONS ON THE '99 CONVENTION

by Malinda Westerlund • Ballwin, MO

What a delightful and informative Houston '99 convention! Not only did I renew old friendships, but I found new friends; each one who enjoys and loves the African violet.

As an elementary teacher I observed the judging process at the convention. I was not a judge, but a clerk. I made some observations I would like to pass on to you.

Showing plants at any show, whether it is local, regional, or national should always be a learning experience for the exhibitor. It makes such a difference to the exhibitor if there are a few words from the judges to explain why he/she received the particular ribbon. This is especially true for the Red or White ribbons. Before I go further, let me explain I received a blue ribbon on my entry. This is not a complaint article!

As an educator, we are reminded that when a child produces an answer, a paper, or accomplishes a task, we as teachers need to find something good about that answer, that paper, or that task before we begin our criticism. It is true that some things children produce are in need of great help! However, educators have found that students listen and learn more when

the teacher prefaces his/her remarks with a positive comment.

Most of the entry tags I looked at had nothing written on them to let the exhibitor know why the plant received that particular ribbon. I can understand the time problem in an 800 entry show, but I think we need to rethink why we are having a show. If it is only to find the Best in Class or Best in Show, then things should remain as they are. However, if we want to promote growing African violets in the United States and promote growing violets for the love of violets, then there needs to be serious thought about what we as a group want our shows to promote.

May I make a suggestion as an educator as to how to give the exhibitor a positive comment and constructive criticisms? It does not take a wordy paragraph to give a positive comment! But the exhibitor is then ready to read a brief criticism and to learn from that criticism. Yes, it will take a little longer in the judging process, but it will reap dividends for AVSA, give the exhibitor some positive help, and that exhibitor will return home with excitement about trying harder to make his/her plants reach higher into the show plant arena.





# Telltale Leaves



**Leaf Symmetry:** Do you have African violets that never have leaves growing completely symmetrical, with each leaf overlapping each other and not even a glimpse of the soil or the pot between them? Do the leaves rarely grow level? Do they stick up and bend all over and around the pot?

Don't despair, there are reasons, not necessarily your fault. Could be that lovely plant you have was never bred to have perfect leaf symmetry. Perhaps it was hybridized purely for the flowers and that was what the hybridizer had in mind when he did his work. If he is working with plants that have leaves that are heavily quilted, scalloped, ovate or girl leaves, symmetry is virtually impossible. If this is so, then make the best of the plant by enjoying the flowers.

However, if your plant has flat plain leaves with a minimum of quilting there is no reason why the plant should not have good leaf symmetry. Of course, along with symmetry come unmarked correctly shaped leaves, the largest in the outside row to the smallest in the center of the plant. Good culture and grooming right from the start of the plant's growth should achieve near perfection. If you do not have this, then somewhere along the line you have not met the plant's requirements. So read on because some of your likely problems may be included.

The most likely causes of a plant not having normally arranged leaves are errors in culture, light, fertilizer, temperature and natural accidents and in some cases, insects.

**Choice:** Let's deal with the easiest problem to remedy first. This begins with choice of plant when potting up seedlings for leaf propagation. Pick the little plants that are nicely compact, not straggly with some big and some small leaves.

**Accidents:** When potting up, remove small leaves or side shoots, with care. A little pin prick on a leaf will be a crater when the plant is full size. Take care when watering and don't get spots on leaves, as these could leave marks.

**Light:** Always remember that all plants have different requirements depending on leaf color. In general terms, the darker the leaf the more light it will absorb. In theory, dark leaves should be at the ends of the shelves and graded toward the center of the shelf are the light, then the variegated, leaf varieties. But sorry to say this does not always work. It's a matter of knowing your own plants. Too little light and the leaves will grow long petioles and reach toward the light source. Too much light and the leaves will bend away from the light.

Extreme excess light can cause the new leaves to crowd

the center of the plant and in some cases cause the leaf edges to burn. Do the small leaves in your plant's center never seem to grow out to a perfect shape because of over-crowding? It is good management to have the fluorescent tubes at least 12 to 14 inches above the shelf so that when the plants are fully grown they are around 8 inches from the light source. It is easy to stand small plants on something, raising them to achieve the eight-inch gap. Remember miniature and semiminatures prefer to be 6 inches from the light source.

**Fertilizers:** This is the trickier subject. Long petioles, marked leaves, deformed leaves, tight centers, burnt leaves, a trio of small leaves can all be caused by errors in the fertilization program. In most cases it is possible to analyze the problem and find the cause. The knowledge gained will help you not to repeat the same mistake. Don't forget that the leaves are the engine room of the plant; good leaves, good plant.

Long petioles and open growth of the whole plant: Do your plants have leaves that don't overlap and grow long petioles, leaving gaps so that the soil can be seen between the leaves? Is the foliage all soft and floppy, and the plant looks as if it could do with a good drink? Does the foliage all flop down, petioles able to bend without breaking? Are the flowers drooped down on the foliage? A high nitrogen fertilizer can cause all of these symptoms. Check the NPK reading.

Too much nitrogen (N) and too little phosphorous (P) in the N.P.K. mix of the fertilizer will cause this problem. Change fertilizer to a lower nitrogen (N) figure. Also check the amount of light it receives.

Tight center and brittle foliage and flower stems: This is a common problem. The leaves are bunched up in the center of the plant causing deformity and damage to the small leaves. This problem is allied to brittle foliage and most parts will easily break off when the plant is groomed. Giving the plant fertilizer that is too strong, lacking nitrogen with an excess of phosphorous, can cause this condition. Again, check the N.P.K. mix of the fertilizer. Switch to a fertilizer of higher nitrogen value and less phosphorous. These symptoms may also be a result of too much light.

Keep a careful check on the plant once you have made your culture adjustment; some improvement should be apparent in a couple of weeks.

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# Shows and Judges



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Because Bill Foster is now serving AVSA as President, as well as Chairman of the Shows & Judges Committee, other members of the Committee will appear here as guest columnists.

I hope all of you enjoyed the convention in Houston as much as I did. What a beautiful show and the entertainment Friday and Saturday nights was outstanding.

Some of the topics that were discussed at the Judges Breakfast, Teachers Breakfast, and the Shows and Judges committee meeting were:

**Q.** *Could we offer the Senior Judges exam on disk?*

**A.** The Senior Judges Exam is now available on diskette. Of course, we also still offer the exam as we always have. There is no extra charge and the diskette is compatible with most computers.

**Q.** *In a recent show there was discussion about a plant that received a blue ribbon but was not awarded best in class when it was the only plant in the class. The judges thought it should not be best in class because it scored a low blue.*

**A.** Best in class should have been given! The Handbook states that if a plant is awarded a blue ribbon it is eligible for the best in class award and should automatically receive it if it is the only one in the class.

**Q.** *May a plant in a novel container be best in show?*

**A.** The likelihood of this happening is remote, but it could. The plant would have to be rejudged as a specimen plant.

**Q.** *In a show, mobiles had ornate backgrounds. Should points be taken off?*

**A.** Yes, if it detracts. We should learn more about mobiles if we are going to judge them. (The same goes for other design classes too!) On the subject of mobiles, teachers please emphasize that mobiles are flower arrangements. In a show, the final panel of judges was undecided whether the best mobile could be considered for best design in show. Yes it can – it is an arrangement.

**Q.** *A few clubs have asked if we could have a class for gesneriads in an unusual or novel container.*

**A.** This was discussed and the consensus was that we would not have it at this time. One of the main reasons was that it would need to be in the gesneriad section and the AGGS scale of points for this class is very difficult. Also, there was not much interest in having this class, in fact, some would even prefer not to have this class for violets as they feel that inferior plants are sometimes used.

**Q.** *Bill received a request from a member that we change our method of determining the expiration date on judges certificates. The suggestion was to extend the date three years from the date on the certificate they are holding at the time they take the exam. For instance a student takes an exam 3/20/97 which has an expiration date of 3/20/00.*

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# THE AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.

## ANNUAL MEETING

April 10, 1999 • Houston, Texas

The Annual Business Meeting of the African Violet Society of America was called to order by Third Vice President, Jack Wilson, at 2:55 PM in the Richmond Room of the Adam's Mark Hotel, Houston, Texas. The invocation was given by Kent Stork followed the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. A moment of silence was observed for those members who are ill or who have passed away this past year. Jack Wilson presented the President, Esther Edwards Wells.

Sue Ramser, Secretary, reported a quorum was present.

President Wells introduced Christine (Chili) Sanders, Professional Registered Parliamentarian, as Parliamentarian for the Annual Meeting.

The Secretary, Sue Ramser, read the Standing Rules for the Annual Meeting and they were adopted.

President Wells appointed Bev Promersberger as Chairman of the Committee to Approve the Minutes, with Jo Anne Martinez and Patricia Sutton as members. Ron Davidson will serve as Timekeeper. Linda Owens, Member of the 1998 Committee to Approve the Minutes, reported the minutes were approved.

Elinor Skelton, Resolutions Chairman, presented the Courtesy Resolution, which is attached. The Resolution was adopted.

Bev Promersberger congratulated the following: Nova Scotia and Ontario, Canada; Hong Kong, Japan, and Taiwan; Alaska, Arkansas, Delaware, Hawaii, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, Montana, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Virginia. All clubs in these areas have submitted their affiliate information for the AVSA web site. 231 of 310 affiliates have completed the affiliate information for the web site. 70 or 80 affiliates have incomplete information on the web site. Bev encouraged all affiliates to check the web site and list their affiliate information.

Charles Wells, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following report: President - Bill Foster of Texas; First Vice President - Jack Wilson of Virginia; Second Vice President - Janet Riemer of New Jersey; Third Vice President - Linda Owens of Ohio, Treasurer - Meredith Hall of Texas; Secretary - Sue Ramser

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*Then the student takes another exam 3/1/99 which would normally show an expiration date of 3/1/02. Instead of this, the member suggests we add the three years to the previous certificate thus showing an expiration date of 3/1/03. This member's reasoning was that it is sometimes difficult for a judge to find a school.*

A. The committee's thoughts are that this would cause confusion in keeping track of when the member was eligible to take the Senior Exam or when they were eligible to become a Master Judge. We believe that if a person is really serious about being a judge and advancing that they will find a way to get to a school every three years.

Q. Should the comment "immature" be written on a card when a plant is small?

A. No. Any standard that is 8" or above should not be penalized for size.

We would like to welcome Georgette Jolivet as a new member of the Shows and Judges Committee. Also, Eleanor Skelton announced the new Master Judges: Barbara Strock, Alabama; Jane Webber, New York; Bob Green, Florida; Meredith Hall, Texas; Anne Jantzen, California; Linda Newmann, Ohio; Laura Shannon, Pennsylvania; Doris Brownlie, Canada; Dodie Whitaker, Florida. Congratulations to all!

of Texas; Directors: Helen Blanton of Missouri; Barbara Pershing of Iowa; Edna Rourke of Connecticut; Alice Easter of Pennsylvania; Georgette Jolivet of Arizona. No nominations were received from the floor. The slate of officers was elected by voice vote.

President Wells announced that the installation will take place at the banquet.

President Wells recognized Outgoing Second Vice President Lynn Lombard and retiring Directors Doris Brownlie, Alyce Droege, Doreen Lay, Pat Richards, and Catherine Thompson.

Pat Richards, Convention Vice Chairman of the 2000 Convention, on behalf of the Missouri Valley African Violet Council, extended the invitation to the 54th Convention to be held, June 11-18, in Omaha, Nebraska. The theme is "Go Wild in Omaha".

The plaques that the Booster Fund secured, to honor Lizetta Hamilton and Nell Sue Tyson were displayed. The plaques will be placed in the Beaumont office.

A fax was received from Anne and Frank Tinari, who were unable to attend, congratulating the newly-elected officers and directors.

Meredith Hall presented Bill and Paul Foster yellow roses of appreciation from the Texas Wranglers.

President Wells announced that the Open Forum and the announcement of the winners of the raffles will be conducted immediately after the close of the Annual Meeting.

There was no further business to come before the Annual Meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

*Sue Ramser, Secretary*

*COMMITTEE TO APPROVE  
Bev Promersberger, Chairman  
Jo Ann Martinez  
Patricia Sutton*

It seems there is still some confusion about the cost of the AVSA Collection rosettes. They are \$5.00 for EACH SET. One set consists of a gold first place and a purple second place, and there is a set for standards and one for mini/semiminis. Most clubs would need both sets making a total of \$10.00. Of course, if you have a commercial section you would need the two sets for that too, making a total of \$20.00. If you have one or more rosettes left over from a previous show you may get only what you need at \$2.50 each. However, if you only need one, the minimum would be \$3.00 in order to cover postage. *Please make checks payable to AVSA – not me.* If you do not need any rosettes but only need the paperwork then please send the \$3.00 to help with postage and handling.

Please send TWO copies of your show schedule so I may have a copy for my records and PLEASE send at least two months in advance as I do sometimes go on vacation for 2-3 weeks and if you wait until a month or less before your show to send your schedules it could mean that you won't get your packet on time. I know that there are sometimes circumstances beyond your control and that's okay. Most clubs do all of the above and I thank you. I'm really enjoying reading the schedules from the different parts of the country, including a few in French. Now that's a real challenge!

Please note my change of address. I've been on the move quite a bit the last few years. It is my plan, though, that this will be the last one for some time to come. Famous last words.

# In Search of New Violets



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I am happy to report some news concerning the wild *Saintpaulia* species. Charlotte Lindqvist of the New York Botanical Garden shared some slides from a recent collecting expedition to the Uluguru Mountains in Tanzania. One of the wild African violets in the slides is clearly a specimen of *Saintpaulia pusilla*. This miniature species plant with bicolor blue and white flowers is not currently found in cultivation and it was unclear if it still existed in the wild. The slides show that a population of this species still exists. Perhaps if the proper collection permits can be obtained from the Tanzania government, specimens of this species will eventually become available for collectors and hybridizers.

*Q: Is it more difficult to get minis and semis to produce seed pods? I have tried a few times with no results, although my crosses on standards seem to take with no problems.*

**A:** I don't know that minis and semis are any more difficult to work with in hybridizing than are standards, so your crosses should take. I'd suggest that you keep trying as it might just be a matter of the number of attempts. You might also try raising the humidity around the flowers after pollination by keeping the plants in a terrarium or humidity dome. I've found that successful pollination is often dependent on the humidity level. For example, when I lived in Oklahoma, which has a fairly dry climate, I often had to pollinate on rainy days to get the crosses to take. Since many of our minis and semis seem to grow better with additional humidity, perhaps they need higher humidity levels for pollination too.

*Q: How much space is needed to grow out a cross to bloom?*

**A:** The answer to this question might be "how much space do you have?" Hybridizers soon find that having

enough space for their new babies is often at a premium. I usually try to grow a full gardening flat of seedlings from a cross. The flat can be covered with a humidity dome, which is necessary for the seedlings after they are transplanted. If I use 3 ounce plastic bathroom cups as pots, I can usually crowd 36-40 pots in one flat. This will allow me to grow enough seedlings to evaluate most crosses. Sometimes I "cheat" and plant two seedlings per pot to get a few more. I also don't throw out the remaining seedlings after transplanting. Most will survive in the germination container for several months allowing me to replace seedlings in the flat if they die or when they are culled. In this manner, I've sometimes squeezed as many as 60 or more seedlings out of a cross for evaluation.

I leave the seedlings somewhat crowded together until first bloom. This may mean moving some to another flat to minimize overcrowding. Standards and trailers take more space for growing out while minis and semis take less. Once the seedling blooms, I decide if it is a keeper or not. Those that are eliminated (which is the majority) create more space for other seedlings.

*Q: What are some of the things to watch for that indicate a weak seedling, allowing one to cull the inferior results early?*

**A:** This will depend on the nature of the cross and what one is hoping to get in the offspring. I usually transplant a mixture of strong and weak seedlings from a cross in order to get a good representation of the results. For example, if I transplant only the largest seedlings, I may miss a good miniature. On the other hand, if I want only standards, I may want to select only the largest and fastest growing seedlings. If I want strong miniatures, I wouldn't want to keep seedlings

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## Horseshoes & Nails?

For the want of a nail the shoe was lost, for the want of a shoe the race was lost. I think you get the picture. I would be lost if not for you, the contributors to Vintage Violets. There would be a lot of unhappy people, unhappy because they couldn't find the long lost violet friends of yesteryear. My first violet was a Double Black Cherry. I grew it for years,

joined an affiliate club and killed it dead. Ah, see what a little knowledge can do?

I receive a lot of Thank You's and bouquets from my readers and I'd like to pass them on to you. You make it all possible by sharing your collections. Keep up the good work! Thank you, thank you, and thank you.

### AVSA's Most Wanted

Antique Mahogany	Ginger	Lady Constance	Rhapsodie Roxanna
Atlantic City	Green Go	Mrs. George S. duPont	Rosebud Trail
Behnke Boy	Hortense's Zapata	Nona Weber	Sassy Lass
Bull's Eye	Iceberg	Oui Ben	Sweet Mary
Cashmere Pink	Ivory Fashion	Pink Philly	The Redhead
Creekside Moonbeams	Jazzy	Purple Enchantment	White Delaware
Gemcraft Pink Pearl	Karen Linda	Purple Nautilus	White Whisper

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that sucker frequently. If I want trailers, however, plants that sucker and branch easy are highly desirable. If I want variegated offspring, I may be able to select for this trait very early and avoid seedlings that appear to be solid green. Decide what traits you want to select for in the offspring and if possible, select seedlings that have these traits. Otherwise, keep a mixture of the seedlings to get as wide a range of results as possible for evaluation.

**Q:** *How long does it take to tell if a seedling will be "any good"?*

**A:** This will depend on what traits you want the seedling to have. Some foliage traits can be selected for fairly early, before the seedlings even bloom. Flower traits, however, can only be evaluated at the time of first bloom. A promising seedling should be grown up to evaluate its full size and bloom potential. Before a seedling is released to the public, it should be grown through 3 generations of leaf cuttings (the original seedling counts as generation 1) to make sure it is reproducing

true. Only after that time, which may now be 2-3 years after the original cross was made, can a seedling be fully evaluated as being "any good". Several additional years may be needed to evaluate how the plant does in shows and if it will be named to the African Violet Honor Roll.

**Q:** *I have a seedling that has star shaped blooms with a unique patterning of mauve and pink color. What can I cross with this plant to maintain this flower type?*

**A:** I'd suggest crossing this plant to one with pink star blooms. The star shape is a recessive and should breed true when crossed with your seedling. Pink is the most recessive visible color in violets and may maintain your mauve/pink pattern. I would not recommend crossing to white flowers. While this is a recessive color, whites can have other colors as hidden recessives that may overshadow your pink/mauve pattern and prevent it from being expressed. For example, a white flower can have a trait for red flowers hidden underneath. When combined with pink, the red will be dominant and will eliminate your mauve/pink pattern.



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## AFRICAN VIOLETS ARE EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL WHEN THEY ARE IN BLOOM!

We started growing African violets after we were married in 1972. Not long after that, we stumbled upon our first African violet show. Although we've forgotten the names of the two show plants we bought, we still remember their blooms. One had huge, light pink blooms that were so beautiful and the other had huge, white blooms that were just spectacular.

Blooms are usually the first thing that everyone notices when they walk into an African violet show, display, or plant sale. So, it isn't surprising that the most frequently asked question is, "How can I get my violets to bloom?"

Even though African violets are capable of blooming year-round, many beginners have problems in this area. They think that there must be tricks or secrets that growers use to make their violets bloom. But, if you want your violets to bloom often, all you need to know is what violets like and dislike. By avoiding the most common problems, listed below, your violets will bloom more often throughout the year.

- not enough light
- no fertilizer, wrong fertilizer, or too much fertilizer
- over-watering or under-watering
- temperatures that are too low or too high
- cold drafts
- not enough humidity
- needs to be repotted in new soil
- pot is too large for the size or type of violet
- gas poisoning

**Light:** Adequate light is the most important requirement

that is needed for African violets to bloom. You can grow violets under natural light, but if you want them to bloom often, they need a location that provides them with plenty of light but not direct full sun. One of the biggest problems with natural light is that the weather controls how much light they receive. Too many cloudy, rainy days during the year can stop your violets from getting enough light for them to bloom as often as they should.

You can also grow African violets under fluorescent lights, which is how we grow ours. Unless we disbud our violets for a show, they bloom throughout the year. You don't need expensive light stands to make your African violets bloom. Al grows his under an inexpensive shop light fixture that hangs from the ceiling over his file cabinets at work. Most of the year, his lights are on 10 hours a day. Cathy grows hers on stands at home. Her lights are on 9 hours a day. The white walls, light from adjacent stands and white shelves provide additional reflected light for her violets. Timers control exactly how much light our violets receive each day. After experimenting for many years, cool-white bulbs work the best for us.

**Fertilizer:** If your African violets are getting enough light, but they are not blooming, you may have a fertilizer problem. Try a fertilizer with a higher middle number (such as 15-30-15 or 12-36-14) to encourage your violets to bloom. Follow the directions on the fertilizer container or use a little less than the recommended amount. There are many good fertilizers on the market, experiment to find out which one you like the best.

Too much fertilizer can damage the roots and stop your

African violets from blooming. Sometimes a beginner will make the mistake of thinking that if a 1/4 teaspoon of fertilizer will make their violets bloom, then a 1/2 teaspoon will produce even more blooms. But, when it comes to fertilizers, it is better to use too little than too much.

**Watering:** African violets like their soil to be a little on the moist side. The stress that is caused by over-watering and under-watering can stop violets from growing and blooming. We each pick certain days of the week as our "watering days" to remind us to check our plants. Cathy's watering days are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Al's are Monday and Friday. On watering days, we check each violet and water accordingly.

**Temperature:** The temperature in your growing area is also important if you want your African violets to bloom year-round. When the daytime and nighttime temperatures in your growing area are comfortable for you, your African violets will continue to grow and bloom regardless of the time of year. If the temperature gets too cold, their growth can slow down which can affect blooming. If the temperature gets too high, violets can stop growing and blooming.

Years ago, our furnace broke during the winter. It was so cold that we had to wear warm clothes until the repairman fixed the furnace. Cathy spent the entire time worrying about her violets. When we remodeled our home we added a wall heater in the plant room so her violets would be safer. Our family still teases Cathy that it doesn't matter what happens to us as long as her violets are okay.

**Cold Drafts:** Although African violets like fresh, circulating air, they do not like cold drafts. Fans, set on timers, can help you to circulate the air in your growing area and prevent powdery mildew. However, they should not be aimed directly on the plants. Violets should be grown in a location that is not subject to cold drafts from doors or windows.

Several years ago, an experienced grower asked Cathy for advice because she couldn't figure out why her African violets had stopped blooming. Cathy started asking her questions about her growing conditions and she seemed to be doing everything right. But, when Cathy asked her if a cold draft could be hitting her violets you should have seen her face. She was so happy! She realized that her violets stopped blooming after she moved them by her front door, which was a cold, drafty area.

**Humidity:** African violets like moisture in the air. When the humidity is too low, African violet buds often fail to open fully, and the ones that do open, wilt faster. Our violets grow faster, are healthier, and bloom more often when the humidity is between 50 - 60%. A humidity gauge is mounted on a wall in Cathy's plant room, where it can be read easily. When we need to increase our humidity, we add water to the trays under our violets. Some growers use humidifiers to increase the humidity in their growing areas.

**Soil:** Quite often an African violet will stop blooming and

stop growing because its soil is too old. Our violets look so much healthier and grow so much faster when we repot them at least twice a year. We always bake our soil (really a soil-less potting mix), perlite, and vermiculite in an oven for about 1 1/2 hours at 175 degrees before we use them. There are many good African violet soils on the market. In general, you need a light, loose mix that works with your watering schedule so it stays a little on the moist side.

A good time to experiment with different soils is while you are separating babies from a leaf. When you have two or three babies, of the same variety and approximately the same size, plant each one in a pot with a different soil. Give them the same amount of light, water, fertilizer, etc. As you watch them grow, you can tell which soil works the best in your environment.

**Pot:** African violets like to be root-bound. Beginners often make the mistake of repotting their violets into pots that are too large. As a rule-of-thumb, standards should be repotted into a pot that is one-third of the plant's diameter (for example, a 9-inch violet should be in a 3-inch pot). Miniatures and semiminiatures should be repotted into pots that are 2 1/2 inches or less to encourage them to stay small.

**Gas:** Most of us never think about a gas leak until we get one. We were staying in an old building while some construction was going on at our home. It was really cold and the old furnace just couldn't keep the building warm enough for our violets or us. As the violets started to go down hill and stopped looking as healthy as usual, we blamed it on the cold weather. Then Cathy noticed an odor and realized that the violets were reacting to a gas leak. Gas was escaping from an old stove and the furnace. As soon as the gas leaks were fixed, our violets started to look better.

It really is easy to get your African violets to bloom year-round! Just provide them with what they like (light, food, water, comfortable temperatures, no cold drafts, humidity, soil, correct size pot, and no gas leaks) and they will reward you by growing and blooming throughout the year.

## PLEASE LET US SHARE WHAT WORKS FOR YOU WITH OUR READERS!

We want to do a column, maybe once a year, to pass along tips, suggestions, and good ideas for growing African violets. If you have something that helps you as an African violet grower, please send it to us! Unless you specify otherwise, we will include your name.

## NOTE:

Be sure to read the "Question Box"! It is a wonderful column that is devoted to answering all of your questions. Ralph Robinson and Dorothy Kosowsky are both experienced growers who have won many awards for their African violets. So don't hesitate to contact them when you need help.

# Lone Star AV Council 1999 Convention

by Majorie Bullard • *Convention Chair*

The Corpus Christi AVS is thrilled to be hosting the LSAVC 1999 Convention. The convention will be held at the Ramada Inn - Bayfront located one block from the Corpus Christi Bay and Marina.

We have two excellent presentations for you. Richard Nicholas, current LSAVC Vice President and consistent award winning grower of African violets will be presenting a program centered on horticulture. Mary Hill, a charter member of AVS of Greater Tulsa, will be showing us how "Growing Violets is Fun - Let's Keep It That Way".

Our Judge's School will be taught by Meredith Hall, Teacher and AVSA Master Judge. Donations for awards may be sent to Virginia Thompson, 801 Alden, Corpus Christi, TX 78412.

The public is invited on November 5, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. and November 6, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

CCAVS is very pleased to invite you all to bring your violets, and join them in "Violets Explore the Texas Gulf Coast". We offer you a wide variety of new and exciting things to do and see - many of them within walking distance. Ya'll come!!

## VIOLETS ON BROADWAY

No, it's not New York - it's Richmond, Virginia. Yes, Richmond will host the 1999 Mid-Atlantic African Violet Society (MAAVS) convention and show.

"Violets on Broadway" will "open" at the Holiday Inn Central (804-359-9441), Richmond, with the stars of the violet world in attendance. Show dates/hours are Nov 12 (2:00-5:00) and Nov 13 (9:00-3:00). Sale hours are Nov 11 (2:30-9:00); Nov 12 (9:00-5:00); and Nov 13 (9:00-3:00).

Violets will hold center stage but "waiting in the wings" are the many attractions of Richmond: the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens; Annabel Lee Riverboat Cruises; the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts; Edgar Allan Poe Museum; the Museum and White House of the Confederacy; and Maymount Mansion and Gardens.

MAAVS invites all violet lovers to come to Richmond for "Violets on Broadway". Contact Cathy Akers 540-786-9587 for information.

## Back To Business!

If your affiliate is like mine, you are now back to your regular schedule of meetings and programs. Please ask your affiliate to donate an award for the Omaha 2000 Convention.

How about you? I gladly accept awards from who ever will sponsor one. Don't forget that gift certificates from commercials will gladly be accepted.

The Missouri Valley African Violet Council (your host) is working hard to make this a memorable convention. How about if we all do our part and donate an award. It is a great way to participate even if you can't attend.

And, don't forget to nominate those local members for the Hudson Memorial Award for Affiliate Leadership (criteria

in May AVM). Do you know someone on the national level who deserves to be recognized for all the hard work they do? Remember, they are all volunteers. All we can do is applaud. So let's acknowledge them!

Make checks payable to: *AVSA Convention Fund* and  
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# Registration Report



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## John Brownlie – Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

- \***Aca's Coral Lagoon** (8794) 4/8/99 (J. Brownlie) Semidouble coral ruffled star. Dark green, heart-shaped, pebbled, scalloped/red back. **Large**
- \***Aca's Purple Explosion** (8795) 4/8/99 (J. Brownlie) Single-semidouble dark blue large ruffled star/purple overlay. Dark green, quilted, scalloped/red back. **Large**
- \***Aca's Purple Peace** (8796) 4/8/99 (J. Brownlie) Semidouble purple two-tone ruffled star. Dark green, quilted, wavy/red back. **Large**
- \***Aca's Red Charmer** (8797) 4/8/99 (J. Brownlie) Semidouble red ruffled star. Medium green, plain, quilted. **Large**
- \***Aca's Red Face** (8798) 4/8/99 (J. Brownlie) Single-semidouble red large star. Dark green, plain, quilted/red back. **Large**
- \***Aca's Ronnie Redhead** (8799) 4/8/99 (J. Brownlie) Single-semidouble plum red large star. Dark green, quilted, scalloped/red back. **Large**
- \***Aca's Summer Parfait** (8800) 4/8/99 (J. Brownlie) Single-semidouble pink and white frilled pansy. **Variegated** green, white and pink, plain, quilted, scalloped. **Standard**

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## Cathy Cornibe – Santa Cruz, CA

- \***Madam President** (8801) 4/17/99 (C. Cornibe) Single-semidouble-double light lavender two-tone frilled pansy/variable darker tips, green and-or maroon-purple edge. **Variegated** green, white and pink. **Standard**
- \***Mama Mia** (8802) 4/17/99 (C. Cornibe) Semidouble-double pink frilled pansy/variable purple band; fuchsia-purple overlay, white edge. **Variegated** green and white. **Semiminiature**

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## J. C. Munk – Houston, TX

- \***Apache Creation** (8803) 4/24/99 (J. Munk) Semidouble rose ruffled star/raspberry rays, shading. **Variegated** green, white and pink, plain, wavy/red back. **Standard**
- \***Apache Delight** (8804) 4/24/99 (J. Munk) Semidouble lavender frilled pansy/darker eye, edge. **Variegated** green, white and pink, plain/red back. **Standard**
- \***Apache Friendship** (8805) 4/24/99 (J. Munk) Semidouble-double medium pink ruffled star. **Variegated** green, white and pink/quilted, serrated/red back. **Large**
- \***Apache Redcoats** (8806) 4/24/99 (J. Munk) Semidouble red-mauve frilled star. **Variegated** green, white and pink, plain, wavy/red back. **Standard**
- \***Rodeo Pioneer** (8807) 4/24/99 (J. Munk) Semidouble red-purple ruffled star. Dark green, plain, pointed/red back. **Standard**

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## Ralph Robinson – Naples, NY

- \***Rob's Argyle Socks** (8808) 5/31/99 (R. Robinson) Double pink star/blue fantasy. **Crown variegated** green, pink, beige and tan/red back. **Semiminiature**
- \***Rob's Berry Shake** (8809) 5/31/99 (R. Robinson) Double light pink/fuchsia-pink fantasy. Black-green, serrated/red back. **Semiminiature**
- \***Rob's Little Pueblo** (8810) 5/31/99 (R. Robinson) Semidouble coral large star. Dark green, serrated/red back. **Semiminiature**
- \***Rob's Loose Goose** (8811) 5/31/99 (R. Robinson) Single-semidouble white sticktite large frilled star. Black-green, serrated/red back. **Semiminiature**
- \***Rob's Miss Sniffles** (8812) 5/31/99 (R. Robinson) Semidouble-double white pansy/irregular red-marked edge. Medium green, pointed, quilted, glossy. **Semiminiature**
- \***Rob's Mister Sneezy** (8813) 5/31/99 (R. Robinson) Semidouble-double light to medium burgundy-red. Dark green, pointed, quilted, glossy/red back. **Semiminiature**

## NAME RESERVATIONS

### Margaret Taylor – Sydney, Australia

\* Dreamtime \* Lillian Love \* Sharon's Way \* Yoon

### MASTER LIST EDITORIAL CORRECTION

**Optimara Little Azurite** (7915) 7/6/93 (Holtkamp) is a **Miniature**, not a semiminiature as published.



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*Sinningia kautskyi* x *S. hirsuta* (as well as *S. hirsuta* x *S. kautskyi*) is a popular plant that has won many ribbons at AVSA conventions. Phyllis King of Florida really knows how to grow this wonderful plant. We now can attach a name to it, *Sinningia* 'Amizade.' Norah Otto has created a beautiful line drawing of it for this column.

In an article in the Gesneriad Hybridizers' Association's newsletter, CrossWords,

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Issue 2, 1999,  
for which I am  
the editor, Ron

Myhr from Canada writes, "This hybrid was produced independently by Mauro Peixoto and Dave Zaitlin, and was subsequently distributed by both. Dave has distributed seedlings from both directions of the cross (with both *S. kautskyi* and *S. hirsuta* as seed parents). It is not possible to distinguish the three separate distributions, which appear to be identical in all visible respects. All distributed clones are self-sterile, and Dave's attempts to pollinate his with pollen from several other likely species candidates have been unsuccessful.

The fact that three separate clones are in distribution

seemed to make it difficult to apply a single cultivar name.

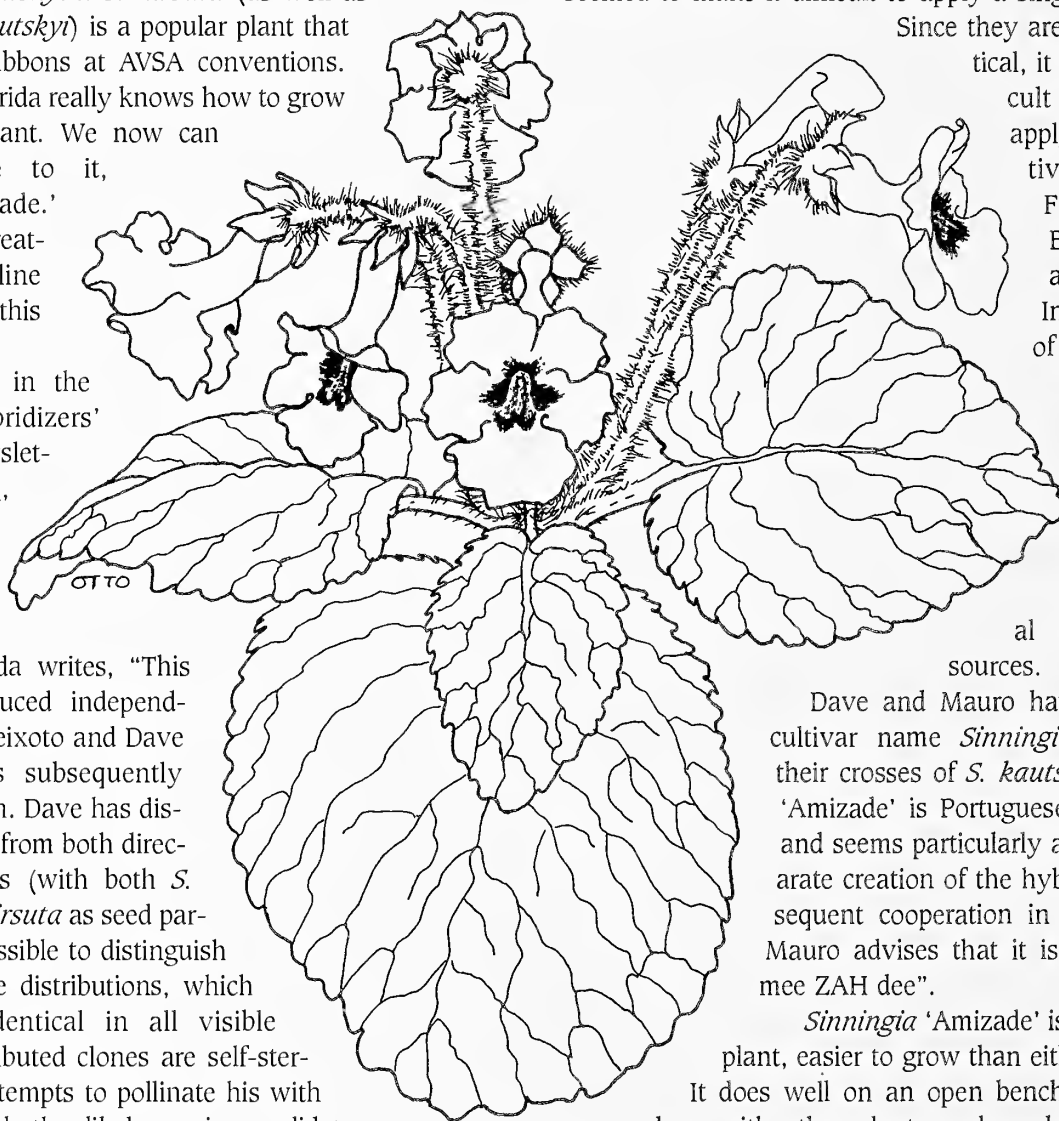
Since they are essentially identical, it was equally difficult to contemplate applying separate cultivar names.

Fortunately, John Boggan has advised that the International Code of Nomenclature of Cultivated Plants allows for the application of a single cultivar name to indistinguishable plant material from multiple sources.

Dave and Mauro have agreed to the cultivar name *Sinningia* 'Amizade' for their crosses of *S. kautskyi* x *S. hirsuta*. 'Amizade' is Portuguese for "friendship" and seems particularly apt given the separate creation of the hybrid, and the subsequent cooperation in finding a name. Mauro advises that it is pronounced "ah mee ZAH dee".

*Sinningia* 'Amizade' is a vigorous small plant, easier to grow than either of its parents.

It does well on an open bench, and can thrive along with other plants such as kohlerias, chiritas, larger-growing sinningias and *Nematanthus*. I grow it toward the edge of the light area, so it gets somewhat less



illumination than other plants. This is probably best. It can produce many flowers, like its *S. hirsuta* parent, and these flowers are larger than those of either parent. *S. 'Amizade'* is often grown smaller than its potential, by topping the plant when it outgrows a 2.5" pot, and rooting the cutting. I prefer to let it get bigger, and find that it can produce a tremendous head of flowers. I am looking at one plant now that has 15 open blossoms on a single crown, with more showing color. The hybrid is attractive when grown multi-crowned, and good symmetry can be achieved. Most growers seem to prefer single-crown plants, though.

Ron mentions Mauro Peixoto who lives in Brazil. This April, right after the AVSA convention in Houston, Elizabeth Glazebrook, an AVSA member from Australia, joined the Gesneriad Research Foundation expedition to Brazil. I asked Elizabeth to write about her adventures.

She enthusiastically wrote, "There we were at Sao Paulo International Airport, in Brazil! Seventeen intrepid international "gesneriad-dicts" from both coasts of the US and the other 3 corners of the world! Originally from Germany, Hans Weihler, is the GRF Director. Locally in Brazil, Mauro Peixoto was our marvelous Brazilian guide. Japan was represented by Nagahide Nakayama, and Australia by yours truly!

"We stayed in 11 different hotels during the 14 nights we spent in Brazil. We traveled by luxury coach, over 4,000 km (2,600 miles) from the Atlantic seaboard to the western border with Argentina and Paraguay, then back to Sao Paulo city through Parana, Santa Catarina and Sao Paulo states. On board we had hot, sweet coffee and iced tea, recliner seats, and a built in restroom!

"We passed through a variety of regions south of the Tropic of Capricorn, from straight rain forest, bypassing cities and smoky industry, down mountain passes, to open farmland. The roads varied from 4 lane cement freeways to compressed dirt running between two walls of rock... with just enough room for our coach... if we all breathed in!

"There were sinningias everywhere! Sinningias were growing on rocks with no apparent root system - just perched there in a small depression - and some of them flowering! We found *Sinningia reitzii* in a greater range of colors than previously known.

"Mauro would order the bus to stop with a cry of, "I smell sinningias!" We would pile out of the bus, and eagerly scour with our eyes any surface that was available... among the vegetation growing between the tar and farmers' fences (sometimes over the fence, with the farmer's permission, of course!)... along rock walls that had been vertically carved away to allow passage... along sand dunes beside a beach... in seams in the entrances to limestone caves... the possibilities were limitless! And the excitement of finding a *Sinningia* growing in its natural habitat! The white, bright red, or orange blossoms would give their location away, and we soon lost our inhibitions, yelling "*Sinningia*!" to alert the rest

of the group to come and celebrate our find! Apparently both *Sinningia hirsuta* and *S. kautskyi* grow in other parts of Brazil, but we did find *S. 'Amizade'* flowering on Mauro's greenhouse benches which was one of the treats of our last full day in Brazil!

"We found *Nematanthus tessmanii* with a variety of different colored calyces: one was deeper red than any Hans had previously seen! We learned to raise our eyes above the path and seek plants with opposite growing leaves growing up trunks, or dripping from many of the trees. One huge clump was even about to fall to the ground, having outgrown its niche in the fork of a tree! When we looked even more carefully, we found *Codonanthes* insinuating their ways around tree trunks. The roots cling epiphytically to the bark, twining the *Codonanthe* trails around the host branches! Again, on discovery, there was the call to muster, admire and photograph the latest find!

"Most of the wild life we saw were birds, including spectacular Toucans - quite something to see in full flight around the Iguassu Falls area where we had the unique experience of seeing millions of litres of water pouring over 272 waterfalls, varying from 70 to 90 metre drops! Spectacular, indeed! Otherwise there were "friendly" coatimundis - mammals with wonderful striped tails and voracious appetites, and a water snake or two, to be avoided near rivers. Mauro, as always a treasure trove of information, said the larger mammals like pumas are too shy to be seen in the wild by passing tourists!

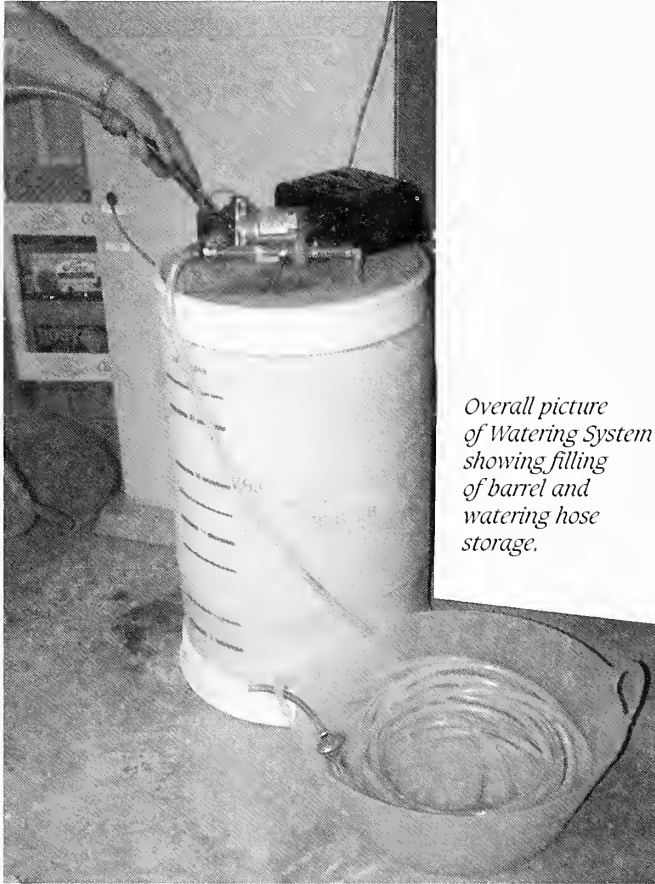
"We needed to collect flowering specimens each day, to press and preserve between newspaper, to produce the Herbarium record of the expedition. Some material, like flowers and leaves, were preserved nightly in small plastic bottles containing a pickling mixture of alcohol, glycerin and filtered water. Some flowers and leaves were transported back to the GRF wrapped in damp sphagnum moss. All labeling was done in pencil, even on the pieces of paper dropped into the pickle jars with each specimen! Of course, any seed pods located elicited a call to our "Seed Lady", Maryjane Evans.

"Some of us were privileged to a 200m climb on the very last day, to the "top of the world": 950 m above sea level on Pedra do Garrafao, just about spot on the Tropic of Capricorn!!! We could see the Atlantic Ocean to the east, and mountain folds and human cultivation in all other directions! What a feeling! As a final Brazilian bonus, we had the thrill of "meeting" *Sinningia mauroana* growing, exposed to full sun all day, every day, on rock, again with no apparent room for tuber and root system! That had to be photographed with its discoverer and namesake, Mauro, of course!

"We flew out of Guarulhos airport grateful for so many memories of the new experiences Mauro and Hans had provided for us: the plants, the company, the new foods and places we had been exposed to! What a marvelous time I had!"

# On-demand Pump Watering System

by Barbara and Rex Pershing • Cedar Falls, IA



*Overall picture of Watering System showing filling of barrel and watering hose storage.*

I am fortunate to have a husband who is very handy at solving various problems I encounter with my violet growing, but this one was his idea as he became increasingly frustrated with having 30 one-gallon milk jugs sitting around waiting for the next violet watering day. With 70 trays on seven light stands in three different rooms, the watering task was time consuming. To solve this problem, he designed a watering system using an on-demand pump that is used in recreation vehicles, a 30 gallon barrel and assorted fittings. I can now fill all of the trays, use the 30 gallons of fertilizer water in about 30 minutes every 5 to 7 days and there is no need for all of those milk jugs.

## Watering System Parts List

Following, is a list of supplies needed to put together this watering system:

- 30 to 35 gallon polyethylene barrel (we got ours from a creamery) or plastic garbage can (easier to find)
- On-demand pump from recreation vehicle (cost about \$65) - obtain from RV dealer
- 12 volt battery charger - to convert the 120 volt household voltage to 12 volt for pump motor
- 5/8" Exterior Plywood circle to fit top of barrel - to mount the pump and battery charger
- 2 - Rigid plastic pipe 3/8" ID x depth of barrel for inlet pipe and return pipe
- 1 - 3/8" plastic T
- 11-1/4 x 1" hose clamps
- 2 plastic shut off valves with 3/8" OD nipples
- 2 pump connectors with 3/8" OD nipples
- 3/8" ID vinyl plastic hose (clear) - length to reach water trays (Ours required 60 ft. of hose)
- Power strip with on-off switch
- Round plastic container for hose storage.

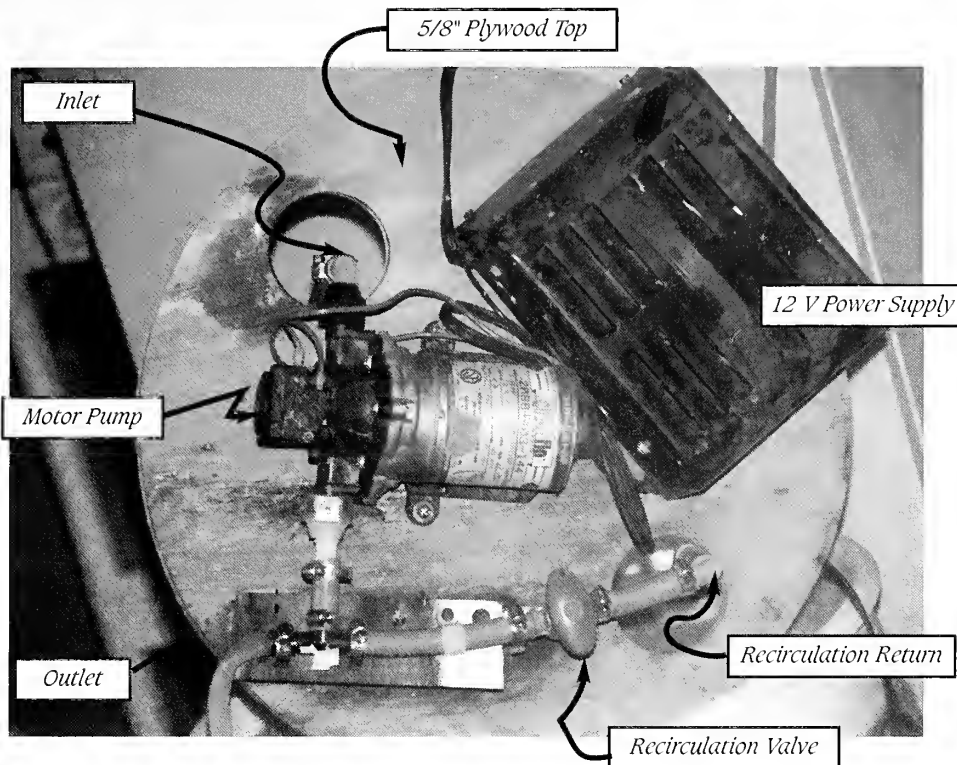
NOTE: OD = outside diameter  
ID = inside diameter

If you are not familiar with plumbing nomenclature, it is a good idea to take the on demand pump to the hardware or plumbing shop to gather your parts. A good sales person can be very helpful to you in gathering your parts. Also, take this article with diagram and pictures to assist you in obtaining the components.

## Assembly Instructions

The inlet pipe and return pipe both extend into the barrel with the 12V on-demand pump attached between the inlet pipe and the T that goes to the return pipe and vinyl tubing. A shut-off valve is put between the T and the return pipe (See schematic diagram). If this valve is open and the shut-off valve at the end of the hose is shut off, the pump will stir/circulate the water in the barrel and distribute the fertilizer. When securing the hoses with hose clamps, make certain that they are secured very tightly. Several leaks can cause a terrible mess. (Voice of Experience!)

The rigid gray plastic plumbing pipe can be cut with a sharp knife, but a good hacksaw is much easier. It is essential that the pump and outlet T are secured to the top of the barrel. There is enough weight to cause the plastic hose to



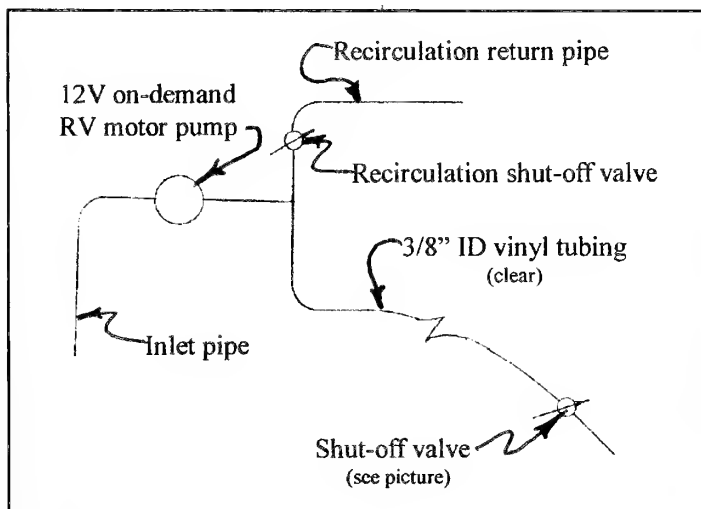
This watering system has several great features:

1. Since the pump has a pressure switch on it, the water from the system comes on at the opening of the outlet valve.
2. Filling the barrel with water upon completing a watering event, allows the water to warm to room temperature.
3. Fertilizer can be added at the time of refilling and stirred with the recirculating valve.

Note: Don't put Phyton 20 in the barrel before filling it with water; you will get foam/suds overflow from the household water pressure. Circulating the water with the on-demand pump doesn't create this problem.

break on the outlet. We used a 2" piece of western cedar since it resists rot from the water. You will need to cut two approximately 2" circles in the plywood top, one for the inlet pipe, which is also used to fill the barrel, and one for the return pipe.

The electrical connection between the power supply and the on-demand pump should be of crimp type, then taped 1 1/2" each way from the joint to prevent water from entering the joint. We use an electric power strip with an on/off switch to connect to an electric outlet. It is a good idea to remember to shut the power off to the system when you are finished using it. If the valve is not completely shut off or if there should be a small leak in the plastic hose or at a connection, the pump will continue to come on and empty your barrel over a period of time.



*Filling trays with hose wand*



# pH, Should I Bother?

by Ron Smith  
Australia

What is this pH? To be honest, from our point of interest as growers of African violets and their cousins, it's a technical "word" for how acidic or alkaline our potting mixes and fertilizers are.

It is not just potting mix; it embraces the water we use, and the fertilizers. All of these items determine the condition in which we are asking the plant to grow. But does it really matter? To be honest, if you are content with plants in any poor condition, don't worry, they will grow somehow.

What does pH really mean? pH is a scale which was originally used in France to determine the acidity or alkalinity of substances. pH stood for *pouvoir Hydrogen* (Hydrogen power) which detects the hydrogen ion concentration which varies depending on the acidity/alkalinity. The pH scale has 14 steps with 7.0 being pure distilled water. At the bottom of our scale there is Hydrochloric acid with a pH of 0.0 and top of the scale Sodium Hydroxide with a pH of 14.0. Lemon juice has a pH value of 2.3 and household ammonia 11.9.

To put this in perspective, pH 6 is a 100 times more acid than pH 7 in this scale.

All it means to us is that it is a scale that tells us how acid/alkaline the soil, water and fertilizer is that we are using. All plants that grow have an optimum pH where they grow best. When growing a plant in a pot it is even more important that the pH be correct because the roots are restricted in a fairly uniform potting mix. In the ground the roots have no restrictions and can search for pockets of more favorable soil. We are well aware that our plants need air, water, light, warmth and nutrients in the potting mix. If any of these are not available then the plant will not grow successfully.

The pH of the potting mix and the temperature will determine which of the nutrients are available to the plant. The plant can't use most nutrients in the soil, or those added as fertilizer, until they are converted into an available form by the microorganisms in the soil. A good soil will have millions of these microorganisms in every spoonful. Our soilless potting mix does not have as much microorganism activity because of its lack of organic matter. It is the pH and the temperature of the soil that determines the amount of microorganism activity. This then determines which nutrients can be converted and become usable by the plant.

Apart from Nitrogen, Phosphorous and potassium, plants need Calcium, Sulfur, Magnesium Iron, and Zinc Manganese and several other micro nutrients to grow. If any of these are not available, then the plant cannot function properly. A cor-

rect pH for the plant will ensure that all these elements are available to the plant, provided of course that they are present in the potting mix. An incorrect pH will make some elements unavailable and others available in excess amounts that are toxic to the plant.

African violets and other Gesneriads grow very well with good culture in a potting mix that is slightly acid (between 6.4 & 6.9) because it is at that point where most of the nutrients are available in sufficient quantity for good growth. With container grown plants, it is a fairly simple matter to obtain a potting mix, use water plus fertilizer with correct pH and grow whatever we want, if other factors such as temperature are suitable.

Nature has provided us with plants that thrive in all kinds of pH condition and in a lot of cases it's the plant that chooses the soil. So as we see in nature, different land produces different plant life.

It is also very obvious that plants grown in containers can deplete the potting mix of certain nutrients if the pH and temperatures in the mix are not correct. Until the pH and temperatures are corrected there can be no replacement of missing fertilizer elements. The plant will suffer and adding more fertilizers will not help. The fertilizer is already in the potting mix but is unavailable because the microorganisms, due to pH or temperature conditions, can not process it. In fact adding more fertilizer can do harm because of build up of salts or putting other factors out of balance and even causing toxicity.

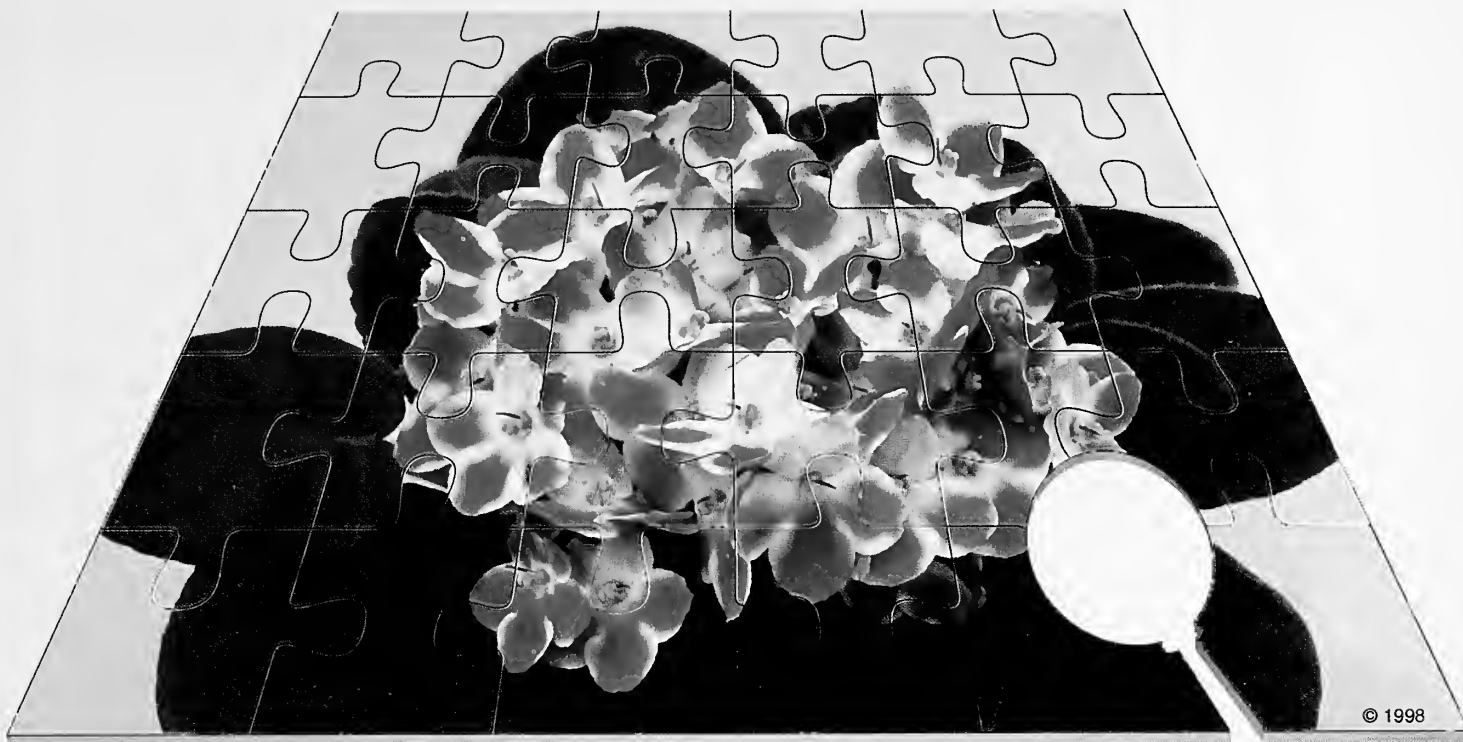
Plants are no different than people, they need fresh air, a suitable temperature, water and a balanced diet. We owe our very existence to plants. Look after them and they will look after you.

So now that you know all about pH, there is one thing left. What pH is correct for African violets? When testing both potting mix and the water that you put in the water wells you should aim for a pH between 6.4 and 6.9. Our local society potting mix is tested to 6.5 when packed, so we have a perfect mix for African violets.

All that is left for us to do is to provide the correct temperature, plus water with the optimal amount of fertilizer, of course all with the correct pH.

It's that easy!!

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# What's Missing From This Picture?

Chances are, few of today's garden centers know as much about growing African Violets as you do. No doubt, this explains why so many knowledgeable Violet growers have a hard time finding the products they need. For anyone who knows what it takes to grow beautiful, full-blooming African Violets, it can be like putting together a puzzle, only to find there's a piece missing. We know the feeling. That's why we started the Selective Gardener, a plant care supplier that specializes in products for African Violets.

## Everything You Need to Grow Beautiful, Full-Blooming African Violets

The Selective Gardener makes it easy to get the products you need. As a plant care supplier that specializes in African Violets, the Selective Gardener carries a full line of plant care products with brand names like Optimara.

- Fully-dissolving, urea-free fertilizers
- Self-watering devices such as the Watermaid and the new, spill-proof Optimara WaterShip
- Ultralight, pH-balanced potting media
- Pots, trays and plant covers
- Show accessories and more

## From Leaf Cuttings to Finished Violets

In addition to plant care products, the Selective Gardener offers African Violets in several pot sizes, including genuine Miniatures. You can also order leaf cuttings from all of the available Optimara and Rhapsodie varieties.

## A Complete African Violet Resource

The Selective Gardener is a complete African Violet resource. Send for the Selective Gardener catalog, and you will find offers for plant care products, Violets and leaf cuttings, even books and posters. Or go online, and you will find even more. At the Selective Gardener's internet site (<http://www.selectivegardener.com>), you will have access to a number of resources not available anywhere else.

- Growing tips from the world famous Holtkamp Greenhouses
- Complete interactive Violet identification guide
- Links to other useful sites such as Doctor Optimara, a symptom-based, interactive guide for diagnosing pests and pathogens
- Reviews of African Violet products

**(Tip:** If you do not have access to the internet, try your public library. Many libraries, now, provide computers for public use, as well as helpful assistance for anyone wanting to go online.)

## The Selective Gardener Catalog

To receive the Selective Gardener catalog, send \$1 (which will be credited to your first order) with your name and address to:

The Selective Gardener  
6011 Martingale Lane  
Brentwood, TN 37027

Or visit us online at  
<http://www.selectivegardener.com>.



# Have a little fun... MAKE A DISH GARDEN... It's easy!

by Alma Ficke  
African Violet Society of Greater New York

A dish garden is just that - A Garden in a Dish - a pretty little landscape brought into reality.

The dish you use can be any container of your choice. It must be deep enough, however, to accommodate drainage material and the roots of the chosen plants. The size depends on how large a garden you wish to create. The plants, more or less, must require the same sort of care, such as light and watering so that your little garden may give pleasure for as long a time as possible with a minimum of care.

If the little garden is to be entered into a Spring Show, a blooming African violet must, of course, be included in the planting. Whether for show, or for "gifting" or for decoration in your own home, your imagination must really be put into play when you are buying or growing your plants. A plant may represent a tree, a little bush, and smaller plants in the foreground. Colors and different types of growth add to the attractiveness; a red Irisene, a little pink Polkadot plant, an Aluminum plant with its green and silver markings. Try a little Boxwood or a variegated Buonymous or perhaps one of the Aralias to represent a tree. These are just a few suggestions; you will find ever so many small plants at greenhouses or at botanical gardens.

Thin pieces of slate may be used for a little pathway or a little patio. Use a colored stone for accent or for a sort of retaining wall if you wish to make more than one level. There are some beautiful pieces to be picked up as you travel around. I found some lovely rose colored ones in Virginia while on a trip, but you will not really have to go far from where you are. I found a lovely stone some summers ago in Forest Park, Long Island, very near to where I live, and another sort of hollowed out stone that made me think of a small pool. For water I sprayed the hollow with a super high gloss seal-it spray. You may want to introduce a little animal, a little bird or some other accessory. Be VERY CAREFUL here to see that the overall picture is kept in scale.

Now to begin. Into the container you have selected, place about 3/4 inch of drainage material (pebbles are good) and

some charcoal (three parts pebbles to one part charcoal). Cover this with some sort of screening to prevent the soil from sifting through. Top this with a little potting soil.

Now take the plants you have chosen, still in their little pots, and arrange them as you would like them to grow in your dish, the taller ones at the rear for background. The tallest one should not be taller than the dish is wide from front to back. You will be able to tell just by looking at it. You need not really adhere to this arrangement; in fact you may wish to place the taller of your plants to one side in keeping with the picture you may have in your mind. This is entirely up to you, the gardener.

When you think you have the plants set where the arrangement pleases you, carefully remove them from their pots, leaving as much of the earth on the roots as possible and place them back into their places. At this point they may still be moved about until you see exactly what you had in mind at the beginning.

Now add more earth to hold the plants in place. One more critical look and then fill the rest of your dish with earth, making your garden ready for the finishing touches. But, first give your little garden some water, just enough to settle the earth and to refresh your plants. I use a Glass Plus spray bottle because it has both spray and mist. Now check once more if it pleases you. If you are satisfied, continue.

All the visible earth should be hidden by a ground cover. Some moss or some very small stones could be used (stay away from those bright colored ones you often see used, they distract the eye from your planting efforts). Here again, only you can decide. Your little figures, if you wish to use them, are put into place now. At this time I often add a little green growing something such as baby's tears or button fern at the edge of the dish, letting some hang over the edge for a natural growing effect, but where or if is up to you. Should one of the plants at a later date become unpleasing to the eye, it can, with a little care, be replaced with something else.

Enjoy your gardening.

# CLEOPATRA'S PROBLEM SOLVED?

by Nadine Parsons • La Crescenta, CA

The violet cousin *Episcia* 'Cleopatra' had me stumped for about fifteen years. I had purchased a 12 inch bubble bowl with 'Cleopatra' growing in it from a club member at a mall show many years ago.

'Cleopatra' struggled and struggled to live in that bowl. It was very unhappy. It had been planted in some kind of an African violet mix, and was not doing well. Since I grow all of my African violets and gesneriads in starter mix from leaf to 12 to 16 inch plants with much success, I thought I would try using that, but 'Cleopatra' refused to do anything but grow backwards. I seemed to be picking off browned leaves constantly, reducing the plant to almost nothing. But it was still holding on, waiting to keep living.

At a Council Meeting earlier this year, we had a question and answer program. I asked the question I hoped to get an answer to. "How do you grow *Episcia* 'Cleopatra'?" The answer to my problem was simple and solved.

"Grow it in sphagnum moss" was the answer. As soon as I arrived home, (I could hardly wait!), I cleaned out the 12 inch bubble bowl, lined it with sphagnum moss, which I soaked in hot water. I took what was left of my sad 'Cleopatra' and planted her in a shallow container about four inches wide and two inches deep, (with drainage holes), containing the shredded sphagnum moss. I placed the container in the middle of the

bubble bowl and packed sphagnum around it. It was watered with fertilizer water whenever the sphagnum moss looked dry, directing the water around the edge of the bowl. Any extra water drains out of a tiny hole at the bottom of the bowl in a drain pan. Fertilizer used is whatever my African violets are getting that day, Schultz 10-60-10, 20-30-20 or Dyna Gro, and Peters 20-20-20. I also use "AmQuel", a water detoxifier which removes chloramines, toxic pheromones and chlorine, a couple drops to a gallon of tap water.

In about a month or six weeks, happy 'Cleopatra' was growing and filling up the bowl with tiny stolens. That was back in January, 1999.

I am taking off stolens and filling tiny bubble bowls with its offspring and, of course, planting them in sphagnum or green moss. It grows under cool white fluorescent tubes.

This has been a very exciting event in my forty-five years of growing African violets and gesneriads. I am wondering how many other gesneriads would benefit from this method of growing with sphagnum or green moss. I am trying *Streptocarpus* and *Sinningia pusilla* to see if I have such good luck with them.

The moral of the story is don't give up, keep trying, don't be afraid to ask questions, and you are never too old to learn!

## THE AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS – MODIFIED CASH BASIS

DECEMBER 31, 1998

ASSETS	1998	LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (continued)	1998
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		Deferred membership fees . . . . .	\$ 59,557
Cash and cash equivalents . . . . .	\$ 87,772	Deferred life memberships . . . . .	109,200
Investments . . . . .	165,235	Deferred income, future conventions . . . . .	2,645
Miscellaneous receivable . . . . .	1,500	Deferred revenue - other . . . . .	6,321
Inventory . . . . .	14,412	<b>Total current liabilities . . . . .</b>	<b>183,368</b>
Prepaid expenses . . . . .	10,981		
<b>Total current assets . . . . .</b>	<b>279,900</b>	<b>NEW ASSETS:</b>	
<b>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT</b> , net of		Unrestricted:	
accumulated depreciation of \$76,452		Operating . . . . .	4,650
and \$66,873 . . . . .	113,915	Board designated - convention . . . . .	23,779
<b>OTHER ASSETS:</b>		Board designated - life membership . . . . .	19,405
Reorganization costs net of accumulated		Board designated - Boyce Edens . . . . .	41,806
amortization of \$4,880 and \$4,880 . . . . .	-	Board designated - Hudson awards . . . . .	1,342
<b>PERMANENT RESTRICTED ASSETS:</b>		Board designated - building . . . . .	-
Investments . . . . .	32,500	Property and equipment . . . . .	113,915
<b>Total assets . . . . .</b>	<b>\$426,315</b>	<b>Total unrestricted net assets . . . . .</b>	<b>204,897</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		Temporarily restricted . . . . .	5,550
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		Permanent restricted . . . . .	32,500
Payroll and sales tax liabilities . . . . .	\$ 1,449	<b>Total net assets . . . . .</b>	<b>242,947</b>
Deferred advertising income . . . . .	4,196	<b>Total liabilities and net assets . . . . .</b>	<b>\$426,315</b>

# Showcase

## *Ultra Violet Saturn*

*Exhibited by: Margie Geissler*

*Hybridized by: Green Circle*



*Photo Credit: Winston J. Goretsky*

## *Rob's Cool Fruit*

*Hybridized & Grown by:*

*Ralph Robinson*

*Semiminiature*



*Photo Credit: Winston J. Goretsky*





## *Apache Friendship*

*Exhibited by: Lenora Munk*

*Best in Class*

*2nd Best in Show*

*AVSA 1999 National Show*

*Hybridized by: J. C. Munk*

*Standard*

*Photo Credit: Winston J. Goretsky*



## *Pat Champagne*

*Exhibited by: Patricia Tillman*

*Hybridized by: H. Pittman*

*Semiminiature*

*Photo Credit: Winston J. Goretsky*



# More Ways to Attract New Members

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A recent quote from an AVSA member wanting to start a new affiliate:

"I sent my initial letter to prospects using the list you obtained from the AVM mailing list. The next day three people called, very excited, with an offer of a meeting place and an offer to take some of my plants on consignment! How about that!"

We are continuing this month with several creative ways to attract new members. I hope one or more are helpful to your affiliate.

1. Do you have a Welcome Wagon in your area? You might contact your local welcome wagon and make arrangements to have a gift card enclosed each time the welcome wagon visits a new member in your community or local area. The gift card could offer leaves, a starter or blooming plant along with a culture folder and/or a sample copy of *The African Violet Magazine* to anyone who makes contact with or visits your club. You set the offer to coincide with your club's needs and ability to provide. Attract that new person in the community before he/she becomes too busy with other commitments.

2. Have you ever had a garage sale? Try one for just African violets. An article in the June 1985 issue of *The African Violet Magazine*, "One Way to Start an African Violet Club," explains that this has been one method used to start new clubs. Why not use the same method to increase membership in an existing club? Make it a club project. Have any or all of your club members bring plants to sell and be available to share information. Take the time to visit and take information from those interested in attending a future meeting. You could have a short flyer available with future meetings and/or show information listed. An individual follow up provides a personal touch, either by phone or by mail. This method is similar to a show or sale, but with a different twist and could provide an outlet to friends and neighbors in the immediate area.

3. Do you have friends, relatives, or neighbors with whom you can share a plant? Consider sharing with that plant a sample copy of *The African Violet Magazine* (available from

AVSA for the cost of postage) or better yet, a one year gift subscription. The plant, plants or leaves you share might only be the beginning. As you use this as an opportunity to share your enthusiasm for your hobby, those recipients of your gifts might also become hooked.

4. Could you try having a special guest meeting? Consider having a meeting scheduled at the beginning of the year - a meeting designed or planned for all members to bring those guests with whom he/she has shared his/her hobby. This is the chance for a member to invite a neighbor, friend or relative that he/she gave a plant and/or AVSA membership subscription. It would be good to make this meeting special in several ways: special hostesses to greet and talk to the guests, a short meeting, refreshments, and even a special program aimed at the novice grower. Why not include a gift plant or leaves for the guests to take home?

5. In a previous Affiliate column, I shared with you the availability of obtaining a list of the AVSA members in your area. One club requested that list and sent out letters to everyone. The letter included all the clubs in the area, the time, day and places that each met. The letter extended an invitation to each AVSA member not already belonging to a local affiliate to visit the one most convenient to them. The quotation at the beginning of the column was the result of this list used by someone interested in starting a new club. If either one of these situations is one that your club might consider appropriate, you can contact me by mail or e-mail listed above. Be sure to include the cities, zip codes, or counties that you want included in the list and I will return the information to you as soon as possible.

6. Do you or any of your members have extra blooming violets? Maybe your club could purchase these and place them in various business offices in your area; banks, doctor or dentist offices, etc. Include a business card or note beside them with the name of your club and contact information. Offices are often happy for the color and you get the publicity. Maybe some of your members work where plants could be used in this way.

In conclusion, I want to encourage you not to discourage

an interested grower who contacts you regarding your club. Don't tell them your membership is dwindling and that you are a dying club. This has happened on more than one occasion. Rather, tell them you are a small club and would welcome their joining you. That one person might be just the one to make the difference. Delight in a potential new member, welcome them, be a friend and share your hobby, let them share their talents.

If you were in attendance at the Affiliate meeting in Houston, you know that next year's topic is "helping the affiliate to put on a show." I want to compile a list of themes with the design topics to match, but I need your help. You can help

me and all affiliates, including your own, by sending me copies of your schedules, past and/or present. Or, you can send me by mail or e-mail, a list of your show titles accompanied by the matching design topics. I plan to put them all together to share with those in attendance at the Affiliate meeting in Omaha next June. Thank you to those who attended and said you would be willing to support this project.

Remember to check the insert of this magazine. Make sure that the president and mailing address for your affiliate is current and correct. That's how I began. I was a member of AVSA first and found the local affiliate in my area listed in the magazine.

## AVSA RESEARCH PAYS OFF – YOUR DONATION DOLLARS AT WORK

During the last year the Boyce Edens Research Fund has funded four research projects. Two are completed and two are still in progress.

1. Dr. Michael Moeller of the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh, Scotland has completed a DNA sequencing study of closely related African violet species. His study is useful to those breeding new violets. A copy of his report is available to anyone wishing to have a copy.
2. Dr. Larry Barnes, plant pathologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service has just finished a very successful project on the control of powdery mildew on African violets. The results will soon be printed in the AV magazine.
3. Dr. M. O. Way, entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station is in the process of determining the best control for thrips on violets. This work will also be completed soon.

4. Dr. Harvey Lang, with the horticulture department at Texas A&M University is in the process of studying the relation of fertilizer use and salt build-up in potting soil. This will help to reduce or prevent salt damage to violets.

During the next year we hope to initiate research on Botritis control and on light quality as it effects plant growth.

If you have a particular concern relating to violets, please let me know and I will investigate the possibility of getting research.

**Charles Cole, Chairman**

*AVSA Research Committee*

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# Showcase

## *Gleeful Elf*

*Best in Class*

*3rd Best in Show*

*1999 AVSA National Show*

*Exhibited by: Ken Froboese*

*Hybridized by: H. Pittman*

*Miniature*



*Photo Credit: Winston J. Goretsky*

## *B-Man's Noto*

*Exhibited & Hybridized by:*

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In the four-plus years as Chairman of the Booster Fund, I have received hundreds of contributions, for various reasons. There are many of our dedicated members who can be depended upon for annual donations. Some members donate speaker's fees and we have judges who contribute their travel expenses. I get notification from the Beaumont office of members and affiliates who give monetary gifts for special projects. There are also many memorial donations. Each contribution is deeply appreciated.

However, in mid-May, I received a check from the Rocky Mountain African Violet Council, in Denver, CO. The donation was to honor two of their retired Council members, for all their years of hard work and dedication. This is the first time I have ever received this type of donation.

To the Rocky Mountain Council, on behalf of AVSA, I salute your enthusiasm and I do hope you are starting a new trend toward donations of appreciation for our worthy members.

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# GOODBYE MEALIES, G O O D B Y E !

by Sonja Holm  
Sonja's Violets  
Omaha, AR

HELP IS ON THE WAY! None of us like to acknowledge that we have bugs of any kind, but we all do have them, one kind or another, sooner or later. The main thing is to get rid of them, but don't throw your plant(s) out. Also, you can put away your alcohol and Q-tips, as far as the mealies are concerned.

Unfortunately, the bugs just show up, unannounced. And the question is always – WHERE DID THEY COME FROM? Well, I think many of the bugs that like our African violets, are commonly found on plants out in the yard. They get carried in on anything we may bring inside. Or they can be carried in on moths, and certainly they can come in through the screens on the windows. We just have to watch constantly and be on guard.

I have observed that the mealies do like the warmer places, such as by the window, if you grow by natural light, or on a higher shelf on a light stand. Rarely will you find any plants on a lower place where it is cooler.

I have also heard that the male mealies fly around at night – I don't know, I never stayed up to find out. But I do know, when the lights come on in the morning, they come out of the plants and drift up to the light. They do fly quite lazily, so you have time to get them. It is best if your hand is wet.

What I have found to be very effective is Ivory dish soap. Fill a 32 oz spray bottle with warm water and add about tsp. of the Ivory soap and spray the plant from the soil up, saturating it on the underside and on top. You will be amazed how the bugs literally disintegrate when the spray hits them. Be sure you use Ivory liquid dish soap.

If any mealies have been able to hide underneath on the stem or leaf long enough so they have built their webbing, or cocoon around them, that will have to be cleaned away. Possibly the babies are hatched out of these cocoons?

I don't know how the bugs arrive at their destination, perhaps that is what the male does at night time. But once they reach their destination, that is where they live out their life. They never move.

In case you think any males may have escaped to the light that you didn't see, you can spray the lights. It won't hurt them, and you will have a good chance to get them there.

So when you keep your plants clean of all the mealies, and eliminate all the males, you will be free of the little pests.

If you receive plants from any place, it is a good idea to spray them as a precautionary measure. I have found the Ivory spray also works on powdery mildew.

## MARKETING COMMITTEE NAMED

The Executive Committee has appointed John G. Adney of Marion, IA as AVSA's first marketing consultant. His goal is to expand the public's interest in growing African violets and increase membership in the AVSA. He will work with affiliates as well.

John operates a publishing and marketing/promotion business. He is a member of AVSA, Missouri Valley AV Council, Cedar Valley AV Club, American Gloxinia and Gesneriad Society and Gesneriad Hybridizers Association.

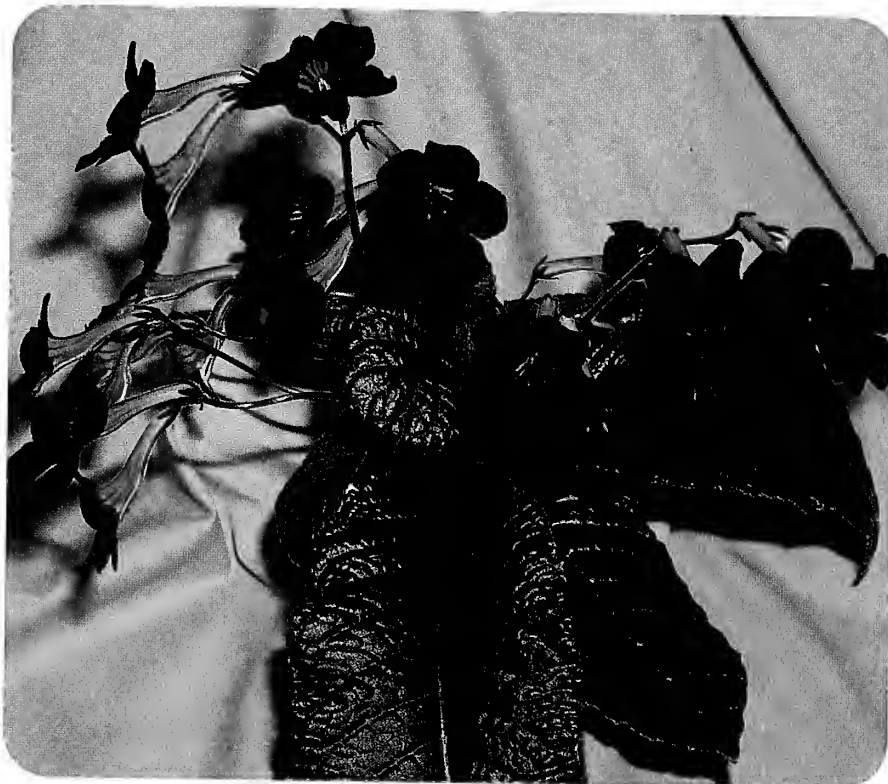
John invites AVSA members to make suggestions on how the AVSA can serve its current members and increase membership. His e-mail address is [jgadney@email.msn.com](mailto:jgadney@email.msn.com)

John is chairman of a seven-member Marketing Committee which he appointed. Members are Pat Richards, Olathe, KS; Lynn Lombard, Colfax, CA; Mary E. Hill, Tulsa, OK; Mary Walbrick, Wichita Falls, TX; David Harris, Springfield, MO; and Linda Stickney, Maroa, IL.

# Showcase

## *Streptocarpus* *'Blueberry Muffin'*

*Exhibited by: Elmer Godeny*



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## *Columnea* *'Apollo'*

*Exhibited by: Fred Packer*



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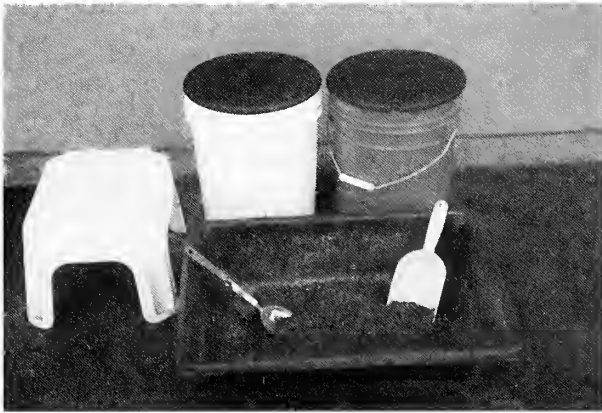
*(l-r) Petite Blarney, Grown by Bill Johnson*  
*Persian Prince, Grown by John Nabers*  
*Peppy Pink, Grown by Judy Carter*



# FAVORITE TOOLS AND GADGETS

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Everyone who grows houseplants has probably put together a collection of tools and gadgets which they find helpful. In these three photos I will show you some of my favorites.



On the left is a plastic footstool. I find this helpful when watering and grooming the plants on the top shelves of my plant stands. In the foreground is a black plastic utility tub measuring 25" x 19" x 6 1/2". This is sold at the hardware store and is intended for mixing small batches of mortar or concrete. I find it very useful for stirring up batches of my soil mix. It can be placed on a work table or on the floor. I find it easier to mix in this shallow tub rather than a deep bucket. The strong metal kitchen spoon is great for stirring. To the right is a large plastic scoop which I bought for one dollar at the pet store. It's original use was to scoop dry dog food. I find it great for moving my soil mix to the five gallon buckets shown in the back row. These buckets can be purchased at the hardware store. They are also available at bakeries or fast food restaurants for about one dollar. I like to have two different colors, white and green. This is because I have two different soil recipes, one for rooting leaves and starting baby plants, the other for mature plants. Having different colors lets me know at a glance which bucket to reach for. On top of the buckets

you will notice a black lid which is a wonderful invention: the Bucket Seat by Bucket Boss. It is a plastic air cushioned seat that fits all 5 gallon buckets, available at the hardware store. I find it very comfortable to sit on these buckets while watering and grooming the plants on the middle and bottom shelves of my plant stands.



On the left is a plastic hair color applicator which is great for top watering small plants. It is available at the grocery or drug store. Next is a book about Ikebana. The subject matter isn't important. I like it because it is just the right size, 5 3/4" tall. I wind wicking around it again and again, then cut it top and bottom, resulting in just the length wick I like. Next is a set of three soil scoops from Japan. They are most helpful when repotting different sizes of plants. I bought these at a garden center that has bonsai supplies.

On the left is an X-acto knife. I find it helpful when removing suckers or immature leaves from plants. I also use it when cutting the end of a petiole before putting it down to root. I like the purple handle because everyone in the family knows that all purple tools belong in the violet room and shouldn't found anywhere else. Next, is a long handled pair of tweezers, useful in removing suckers. Along side the tweezers is a dibber and a widger. Both tools are useful when potting baby plants. They are from England and I bought them at a local hardware

store. Next, is a long handled baby spoon from the grocery store. It is helpful when potting baby plants and when repotting minis and semiminis. Beside the baby spoon are some skewers used for trussing up stuffed poultry. They are from the grocery store. I find them helpful for removing very tiny suckers, or bloomstalks when disbudding. Lastly, you see an old fashioned mousetrap which is loaded with a dab of peanut butter. This is the best way to trap mice if you have had a problem with them in your plant room.



This picture illustrates my favorite way to root leaves of minis, semiminis and *Streptocarpus*. I start with a plastic shoe

box. I add a one inch layer of my rooting mix, which is 1/2 Pro Mix and 1/2 vermiculite moistened with fertilizer water. I usually use Peter's 20-20-20 for rooting. I place the leaves in the rooting medium and label them with plastic plant stakes which are 3" long. I cover the top of the shoebox with Saran plastic wrap. Then, I put a rubberband around the top of the box to hold the plastic wrap securely. I like these 7" x 1/8" rubberbands which are called "Big Bands". I purchase them at the grocery store or office supply store. The day after planting the leaves I check the box to make sure it has some drops of moisture on the sides of the box. If not, I add a little more water and replace the plastic wrap. Then it is back under the lights for two or three months until the babies have appeared and are big enough to transplant.

I hope you like my favorite tools and gadgets. Maybe you will find some of them helpful. Why not invite members of your club to bring their favorite tools for a show and tell program. I have used this program at my club and my council with great success. Invite each member to bring two or three favorite tools or gadgets to a meeting, the more unusual the better. It is fascinating to see what clever ideas your friends have. We can all learn from each other.

## Tips on Thrips

by Sharon Holtzman

I'm convinced that the only way of not having to deal with thrips is to have nothing in your house but silk plants. These varmints are so tenacious, that I have no problem pulling out the 'big guns' and using rather toxic sprays but I know there are people who have severe reactions to chemicals or just don't want to use them.

After talking to several other growers and trying these couple of little things myself, I feel that it might be worthwhile passing them along to you. By using these few tips I won't begin to tell you that you will rid your collection of thrips, but I feel it is a 'safe' alternative to help control the numbers.

Thrips hate to take a bath! Keep a spray bottle of distilled water on your plant shelf, sitting it over a ballast if possible, to help warm the water. When you see the critters in your blooms, give them a good squirt. You may have to do this on a daily basis, but if you don't want to disbud your plants, it's one thing that does help.

"Cleanliness is next to Godliness" ... and next to 'Thripslessness' too. If you are plagued with thrips, take a good close look at your foliage. You will see tiny specks of droppings and/or eggs that were laid on your leaves. Make a practice of washing your foliage once a month. Your plants will breathe better and it will reduce the number of thrips that are allowed to ever come into this world.

I know that thrips spend part of their growth cycle in the

growing medium, but I do not know how deeply. Just as an experiment I began raking off a wee bit of the top of my growing medium when I bathed my plants and replaced it with fresh, in hopes of lowering my numbers even more. This being one of my many 'play baby' ideas, I can't tell you if this works at all to get rid of thrips but just by removing this little bit of growing medium you are at least getting rid of the fertilizer salts that may have accumulated and your violets are certainly better for this.

If anyone else has some timely tips on dealing with these critters ... do share with all of us!

Wishing all good growing.



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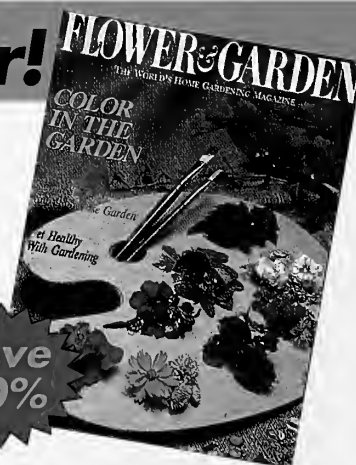
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# Planting by Moon Signs

## Moon in Aries

Barren and dry, fiery and masculine. Used for destroying noxious growths, weeds, pests, etc., and for cultivating.

## Moon in Taurus

Productive and moist, earthy and feminine. Used for planting many crops, particularly potatoes and root crops, and when hardness is important. Also used for lettuce, cabbage, and similar leafy vegetables.

## Moon in Gemini

Barren and dry, airy and masculine. Used for destroying noxious growths, weeds and pests, and for cultivation.

## Moon in Cancer

Very fruitful and moist, watery and feminine. This is the most productive sign, used extensively for planting and irrigation.

## Moon in Leo

Barren and dry, fiery and masculine. This is the most barren sign, used only for killing weeds and for cultivation.

## Moon in Virgo

Barren and moist, earthy and feminine. Good for cultivation and destroying weeds and pests.

## Moon in Libra

Semi-fruitful and moist, airy and masculine. Used for planting many crops and producing good pulp growth and roots. A very good sign for flowers and vines. Also used for seeding hay, corn fodder, etc.

## Moon in Scorpio

Very fruitful and moist, watery and feminine. Nearly as productive as Cancer; used for the same purposes. Especially good for vine growth and sturdiness.

## Moon in Sagittarius

Barren and dry, fiery and masculine. Used for planting onions, seeding hay, and for cultivation.

## Moon in Capricorn

Productive and dry, earthy and feminine. Used for planting potatoes, tubers, etc.

## Moon in Aquarius

Barren and dry, airy and masculine. Used for cultivation and destroying noxious growths, weeds, and pests.

## Moon in Pisces

Very fruitful and moist, watery and feminine. Used along with Cancer and Scorpio, especially good for root growth.

September Moon Table

Date	Sign	Element	Nature	Phase
1 Wed.	Taurus	Earth	Semi-fruit	3rd
2 Thu. 12:25 am	Gemini	Air	Barren	4th 5:18 pm
3 Fri. 3:10 am	Cancer	Water	Fruitful	4th
4 Sat.	Cancer	Water	Fruitful	4th
5 Sun.	Cancer	Water	Fruitful	4th
6 Mon. 6:29 am	Leo	Fire	Barren	4th
7 Tue.	Leo	Fire	Barren	4th
8 Wed. 10:57 am	Virgo	Earth	Barren	4th
9 Thu.	Virgo	Earth	Barren	New 5:03 pm
10 Fri. 5:16 pm	Libra	Air	Semi-fruit	1st
11 Sat.	Libra	Air	Semi-fruit	1st
12 Sun.	Libra	Air	Semi-fruit	1st
13 Mon. 2:09 am	Scorpio	Water	Fruitful	1st
14 Tue.	Scorpio	Water	Fruitful	1st
15 Wed. 1:55 pm	Sagittarius	Fire	Barren	1st
16 Thu.	Sagittarius	Fire	Barren	1st
17 Fri.	Sagittarius	Fire	Barren	2nd 3:06 pm
18 Sat. 2:13 am	Capricorn	Earth	Semi-fruit	2nd
19 Sun.	Capricorn	Earth	Semi-fruit	2nd
20 Mon. 1:38 pm	Aquarius	Air	Barren	2nd
21 Tue.	Aquarius	Air	Barren	2nd
22 Wed. 9:51 pm	Pisces	Water	Fruitful	2nd
23 Thu.	Pisces	Water	Fruitful	2nd
24 Fri.	Pisces	Water	Fruitful	2nd
25 Sat. 2:34 am	Aries	Fire	Barren	Full 5:31 am
26 Sun.	Aries	Fire	Barren	3rd
27 Mon. 4:51 am	Taurus	Earth	Semi-fruit	3rd
28 Tue.	Taurus	Earth	Semi-fruit	3rd
29 Wed. 6:21 am	Gemini	Air	Barren	3rd
30 Thu.	Gemini	Air	Barren	3rd

October Moon Table

Date	Sign	Element	Nature	Phase
1 Fri. 8:32 am	Cancer	Water	Fruitful	4th 11:03 pm
2 Sat.	Cancer	Water	Fruitful	4th
3 Sun. 12:14 pm	Leo	Fire	Barren	4th
4 Mon.	Leo	Fire	Barren	4th
5 Tue. 5:40 pm	Virgo	Earth	Barren	4th
6 Wed.	Virgo	Earth	Barren	4th
7 Thu.	Virgo	Earth	Barren	4th
8 Fri. 12:52 am	Libra	Air	Semi-fruit	4th
9 Sat.	Libra	Air	Semi-fruit	New 6:34 am
10 Sun. 10:01 am	Scorpio	Water	Fruitful	1st
11 Mon.	Scorpio	Water	Fruitful	1st
12 Tue. 9:18 pm	Sagittarius	Fire	Barren	1st
13 Wed.	Sagittarius	Fire	Barren	1st
14 Thu.	Sagittarius	Fire	Barren	1st
15 Fri. 10:03 am	Capricorn	Earth	Semi-fruit	1st
16 Sat.	Capricorn	Earth	Semi-fruit	1st
17 Sun. 10:17 pm	Aquarius	Air	Barren	2nd 9:59 am
18 Mon.	Aquarius	Air	Barren	2nd
19 Tue.	Aquarius	Air	Barren	2nd
20 Wed. 7:33 am	Pisces	Water	Fruitful	2nd
21 Thu.	Pisces	Water	Fruitful	2nd
22 Fri. 12:42 pm	Aries	Fire	Barren	2nd
23 Sat.	Aries	Fire	Barren	2nd
24 Sun. 2:26 pm	Taurus	Earth	Semi-fruit	Full 4:03 pm
25 Mon.	Taurus	Earth	Semi-Fruit	3rd
26 Tue. 2:34 pm	Gemini	Air	Barren	3rd
27 Wed.	Gemini	Air	Barren	3rd
28 Thu. 3:09 pm	Cancer	Water	Fruitful	3rd
29 Fri.	Cancer	Water	Fruitful	3rd
30 Sat. 5:47 pm	Leo	Fire	Barren	3rd
31 Sun.	Leo	Fire	Barren	4th 7:04 am

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# “ And the winners are ... ”



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**ALBUQUERQUE AVC, NM - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Ness' Viking Frost, Coral Kiss, Velvet Frost; Best in Show/Best Standard: Still Waters; Best Gesneriad: *Aeschynanthus*; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Louisa Sando**. Best Semiminiature: Moonsilk, **Jo Ellen Bowden**. Best Trailer: Rob's Sticky Wicket, **Cal Iskra**. Best Design, **Nancy Stewart**. Design Sweepstakes, **Margaret Schmierer**.

**ALPHA AVS/FIRST AVS OF DALLAS/FIRST NIGHTER AVS OF DALLAS, TX - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Victorian Angel, Candy Swirls, Harbor Blue; Best Gesneriad: *Episcia* 'Kee Wee'; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Mary Lou Saunders**. Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Gleeful Elf, Texas Space Dust, Wishful Teen, **Hortense Pittman**. Best in Show/Best Semiminiature: Rob's Boogie Woogie, **Arturo Lopez**. Best Standard: Ghost Dance, **William Sugg**. Best Miniature: Gleeful Elf, **Ray Pittman**. Best Trailer: Honeysuckle Rose, **Terry Range**. Best Design, **Phyllis Reuss**. Design Sweepstakes, **Janice Davidson**.

**THE AVC OF BURLINGTON COUNTY, NJ - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Stargate, Rita Hilton, Belizaire; Best Standard: Mid America, **Florence Murphy**. 2nd Best AVSA Standard Collection: Hanky Panky, Ode to Beauty, Picasso; Best Gesneriad: *Chirita latifolia x linearifolia*, **Laurel Brown**. Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Wee Be, Ness' Firefly, Definitely Darryl; Best in Show/Best Trailer/Best Species: *Saintpaulia pendula* var. *kizarae*; Best Semiminiature: Wee Be; Best Miniature: Rob's Soliloquy; **Sandy Skolski**. 2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Pride of Columbus, Boo Man, Optimara Little Blackfoot; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Susan Arnao**. Best Design; Design Sweepstakes, **Dorothy Taylor**.

**AVS OF DAYTON, OH - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Favorite Child, Midnight Sun, Picasso; Best in Show/Best Standard: Picasso, **Thelma Lawson**. 2nd Best AVSA Standard Collection: Annabelle, Muffy, Lela Marie, **Pat Hancock**. Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Rob's Fuddy Duddy, Rob's Scooter, Rob's Macho Devil; Best Semiminiature: Rob's Scooter, **Dorothy Rittenhouse**. 2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Ness' Crinkle Blue, Rob's Boondoggle, Rob's Miss Priss; Best Miniature: Rob's Bee Boopsie; Best Species: *Saintpaulia tongwensis*; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Heather Herzner**. Best Trailer: Tiny Wood Trail; Best Gesneriad: *Streptocarpus* 'Juliet', **Doris Palm**. Best Design; Design Sweepstakes, **Frank Winstel**.

**THE AVS OF FORT WALTON BEACH, FL - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Cherry Sparkles, Super Duper, Marching Band; Best in Show/Best Standard: Cherry Sparkles; Best Semiminiature: Teen Kiss; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Mildred Patrick**. Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Optimara Little Apache, Optimara Little Sioux, Optimara Little Seneca; Best Trailer: Rob's Wagga Wagga, **Marcella Wright**. Best Design, **Frances Crissman**.

**AVS OF GREATER MONTREAL, QUE - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Chic, Spring Crocus, Gala Pink; Best in Show/Best Standard: Fredette's Moonflower; Best Species: *Saintpaulia velutina*, Best Gesneriad: *Sinningia* 'Royal Orchid'; Horticulture Sweepstakes; Best Design, **Greta Durand**. 2nd Best AVSA Standard Collection: Aca's Flying Free, Sweet Mama, Picasso; Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Rob's Antique Rose, Little Katherine, Rob's Perfect Peach; Best Semiminiature: Rob's Perfect Peach; Best Trailer: Ramblin' Stardust, **Irene Henry**. Design Sweepstakes, **Anne Herbatuk**.

**AVS OF GREATER TULSA, OK - Winners:** Rain Man, Okie Easter Bunny, Mary Craig, **Fern Hildinger**. 2nd Best AVSA Standard Collection: Mindi Morn, Swamp Turtle, Something Special; Best in Show/Best Standard: Something Special, **Mary Hill**. Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Ness' Angel Eyes, Lace Shadows, Ness' Mini Sota; Best Semiminiature: Ness' Mini Sota; Best Trailer: Pink Star Lou, **Jo Ellen Corley**. Best Miniature: Rob's Twinkle Pink, **Pat Sutton**. Best Gesneriad: *Episcia* 'Unpredictable Valley'; Design Sweepstakes, **Phyllis Enos**. Best Design, **Jeanne Cotton**. Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Nancy Hill**.

**AVS OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS, IL - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Irish Kiss, Lucky Halo, Blue Puff; Best Standard: Strawberry Wave; Best Design; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Adelle Johnson**. Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Dazzle Trail, Rob's Boolaroo, Linda Darnel; Best Trailer: Dazzle Trail, **Anna Jean Landgren**. Best Semiminiature: Ness' Satin Rose; Best Miniature: Peppy Pink, **Ed Johnson**. Best Gesneriad: *Chirita sinensis* 'Hisako', **Elaine Gordon**.

**AVS OF SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Optimara Trinidad, Looking Glass, Frosty Spring; Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Moon Craze, Sarita, Lemon Cookie; Best in Show/Best Standard: Frosty Spring; Best Semiminiature: Lemon Cookie; Best Miniature: Mickey Mouse; Best Trailer: PV Oceano; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Gary Beck**. Best Gesneriad: *Sinningia canescens*, **Alice Black**. Best Design, **Frances McMahon**. Design Sweepstakes, **Maria Brooks**.

**AVS OF SOUTH BAY, CA - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Marching Band, Pueblo, Ness' Sizzlin' Pink; Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Cirelda, Milky Way Trail, Rob's Sticky Wicket; Best in Show/Best Standard: Marching Band; Best Semiminiature: Irish Flirt; Best Miniature: Optimara Rose Quartz; Best Trailer: Cirelda; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Dorothy Gawienowski**. 2nd Best AVSA Standard Collection: Lela Marie, Windy Day, Naughty Lady, **Anne Jantzen**. Best Design, **Ruth Wasserman**. Design Sweepstakes, **Bernice Simin and Irene Thomas**.

**AVS OF SYRACUSE, NY - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Tropic Heat, Victorian Elegance, Nortex's Snowkist Haven, **Karen Dupree**. 2nd Best AVSA Standard Collection: Rodeo Country, Pearls 'n' Rubies; Irish Maiden; Best Trailer: Ramblin' Stardust, **Mary Ryan**. Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Rob's Matchpoint, Rob's Doodlebug, Blue Silhouette; Best Semiminiature: Skagit Small Favorite; Best Miniature: Optimara Little Crystal; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Donna Coleman**. Best in Show/Best Standard: Picasso, **Olive Ma Robinson**. Best Species: *Saintpaulia diplotricha* Punter; Design Sweepstakes, **Ethel Champion**.

**THE BALTIMORE AVC, MD - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Harbor Blue, Party Print, Geronimo; Best in Show/Best Standard: Harbor Blue; Best Trailer: Cherry Blossom Trail; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Rodney Barnett**. 2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Pink Skies; Little Katherine, Rob's Mad Cat; Best Gesneriad: *Streptocarpus* 'Bristol's Sunset', **Marie Burns**. Best Semiminiature: Precious Pink, **Shirley Huffman**. Best Species: *Saintpaulia orbicularis*, **Susan Barbi**. Best Design; Design Sweepstakes, **Gary Gordon**.

**BAY STATE AVS, MA - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Skagit Rusty, King's Treasure, Phobos; Best in Show/Best Standard: Phobos; Best Semiminiature: Slow Dancin'; Best Miniature: Planet Kid; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Susan Gimblet**. 2nd Best AVSA Standard Collection: Favorite Child, Major, Ness' Coral Sunset, **Aithea Major**. Best Trailer: Pixie Blue; Best Species: *Saintpaulia velutina*, **Carol Hess**. Best Gesneriad: *Streptocarpus* 'Michelle', **Anne Marie Flynn**. Best Design, **Suzanne Ress**. Design Sweepstakes, **Robert Clark**.

**BERGEN COUNTY AVS, NJ - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Windy Day, Ode to Beauty, Muffy; Best in Show/Best Standard: Windy Day; Best Semiminiature: Rob's Hallucination, **Barbara Church**. 2nd Best AVSA Standard Collection: Lullaby, Fantasy Frost, Nortex's Snowkist Haven; Best Trailer: Rob's Sticky Wicket; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Betty Curry**. Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Snuggles, Wee Be, Shy Blue; Best Gesneriad: *Streptocarpus* 'Cloud Nine', **Florence Diliberti**. Best Species: *Saintpaulia rupicola*; Best Design; Design Sweepstakes, **Lee Borey**.

**BLUFF CITY AVC, TN - Winners:** This Bud's Mine, Lela Marie, Mary Craig, **Mike Ramsey**. 2nd Best AVSA Standard Collection: Alamo Explosion, Shades of Autumn, Natchurly Nawlins, **Carolyn Cooper**. Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Irish Flirt, Pat Champagne, Ness' Sno Fun; Best Semiminiature: Ness' Sno Fun; Best Miniature: Petite Jewel; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Katherine Steele**. Best in Show/Best Standard: Rodeo



Country, **Lorraine Johnson**. Best Trailer: Rob's Boolaroo; Best Design, **Geneva Stagg**. Best Gesneriad: *Episcia* 'Faded Jade', **Kathy Hildebrand**. Design Sweepstakes, **Iona Pair**.

**CAPITAL CITY AVS, CA - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Hello There, Medicine Man, Tomahawk; Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Irish Flirt, Rob's Calypso Beat, Zaca's Christa Danielle; Best Standard: Frosty Spring; Best Semiminature: Irish Flirt; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Oscar Faoro**. 2nd Best AVSA Standard Collection: Candy Swirls, Maggie Lee, Ness' Coral Sunset, **Twila De Vriend**. Best in Show/Best Trailer: Cirda; Best Miniature: Optimara Little Moonstone, **Jeani Hatfield**. Best Species: *Saintpaulia grandifolia* #237, **Patsy Boddy**. Best Gesneriad: *Sinningia canescens*; Design Sweepstakes, **Barbara Elkin**. Best Design, **Mae Mendes**.

**CENTRAL JERSEY AVS, NJ - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Rhapsodie Mary, Moonbeams, Suncoast Paisley Print; Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Precious Pink, Ness' Cranberry Swirl, Ness' Mini Sota; Best in Show/Best Semiminature: Ness' Cranberry Swirl; Best Miniature: Optimara Little Moonstone; Best Trailer: Pony Ride; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Ron Ennis**. Best Standard: Ness' Forever Blue; Best Design, **Dale Jascitis**. Best Gesneriad: *Episcia* 'Golden Dreams', **Annamarie Beardsley**. Design Sweepstakes, **Jan Murasko**.

**CINCINNATI AVS, OH - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Albany Sunset, Picasso, Aca's Red Ember; Best Gesneriad: *Episcia* 'Antique Velvet', **Sharon Holtzman**. Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Dangerous, Definitely Darryl, Optimara Little Azurite; Best in Show/Best Standard: Tribute to Melvia; Best Semiminature: Definitely Darryl, **Helen Chambers**. 2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Rob's Penny Ante, Wichita Baby, Optimara Little Fluorite; Best Miniature: Rob's Penny Ante; Best Trailer: Snowy Trail; Best Species: *Saintpaulia tongwensis*; Horticulture Sweepstakes; Design Sweepstakes, **Penny Wichman**. Best Design, **Diana Schwartz**.

**CLUB VIOLETES LONGUEUIL, QUE - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Blue Angel, Maggie Lee, New York Glitter; Best Semiminature: Ami Peanut; Best Miniature: Optimara Little Amethyst, **Renald Raiche**. 2nd Best AVSA Standard Collection: Ode to Beauty, Red Ferrari, Apache Secret, **Michel Paradis**. Best in Show/Best Standard: Robert Mayer, **Denis Croteau**. Best Trailer: Scuba Diver; Best Design, **Denise Gagnon**. Best Species: *Saintpaulia grandifolia*; Best Gesneriad: *Episcia* 'Filigree', **Rene Martin**.

**COPPER CITY AVS, NY - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: B-Man's Corleone, Harbor Blue, Maggie Lee; Best in Show/Best Standard: B-Man's Corleone; Best Gesneriad: *Kohleria* 'Dark Velvet'; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Robin and Bill Yager**. Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Ness' Crinkle Blue, Ness' Sheer Peach, Rob's Antique Rose; Best Semiminature: Christening Gown; Best Trailer: Pixie Blue, **Annabelle and Wilson Hart**. Best Species: *Saintpaulia gowei*, **Nancy Manning**. Best Design, **Ruth Mirin**. Design Sweepstakes, **Robin Yager**.

**DIXIE AVS, GA - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Optimara North Carolina, Fire Mountain, I Feel Pretty; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Joanne Baker-Pruner**. Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Rob's Boondoggle, Irish Flirt, Cookie Man; Best in Show: Sport of Deer Path Trail, **Ramona Hodges**. Best Semiminature: Thunder Surprise, **Alice Grundy**. Best Miniature: Texas Space Dust, **Linda Abplanalp**. Best Species: *Saintpaulia grandifolia*; Design Sweepstakes, **Gary Gordon**. Best Gesneriad: *Streptocarpus* 'Maassen's White', **Kathy Spissman**. Best Design, **Sandra Mims**.

**EARLY BIRD VC, AL - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Georgia Lover, Tiger, Ness' White Bear; Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Rob's Snake Charmer, Rob's Sarsparilla, Little Pro; Best Semiminature: Little Pro; Best Miniature: Planet Kid, **Sandra Campbell**. 2nd Best AVSA Standard Collection: Petticoats 'n' Blue, East Wind, Call Me Friend; 2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Snuggles, Irish Flirt, Mac's Halcyon's Horizon; Best Trailer: Ramblin' Peach; Best Gesneriad: *Streptocarpus* 'Gypsy', **Ramona Hodges**. Best in Show/Best Standard: Irish Maiden, **Gwen Johnson**. Best Design; Design Sweepstakes, **Donna Henderson**.

**THE EDMONTON AVS, ALBERTA - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Tomahawk, Optimara Rembrandt, Fancy That; Best in Show/Best Standard: Kimono; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Larae Pohl**. Best Semiminature: Ness' Crinkle Blue, **Muran Kosowan**. Best Miniature: Astral Red, **Carol Eros**. Best Trailer: Tiny Wood Trail; Best Gesneriad: *Sinningia concinna*, **Doreen Smith**. Best Species: *Saintpaulia rupicola*, **Linda Weiner**. Best Design, **Laurel Goretzky**. Design Sweepstakes, **Twyla Laakso**.

**GLENVIEW/NORTH SHORE AVS, IL - Winners:** Best in Show/Best Semiminature: Shan; Best Gesneriad: *Streptocarpus* 'Bristol's Luv It'; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Sue Schroeder**. Best Miniature: Rob's Tippy Toe; Design Sweepstakes, **Barbara Goodsell**. Best Trailer: Milky Way Trail, **Tom Moore**. Best Design, **Thelma Weinstein**.

**GULF AVC, FL - Winners:** September Morn, Ness' Candy Pink, Wrangler's Jealous Jewels; Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Ness' Crinkle Blue, Rob's Hot Chocolate, Rob's Dust Storm; Best Gesneriad: *Streptocarpus* 'William Waidlich #6'; Best Design; Horticulture Sweepstakes; Design Sweepstakes, **Anna Marie Rinich**. 2nd Best AVSA Standard Collection: Summer Coral, Illini Peace, Mixed Magic, **Eleanor Duerr**. Best in Show/Best Standard: Frances Young, **Martha Menard**. Best Semiminature: Pink Pussycat, **Louis Giles**. Best Trailer: Tiny Wood Trail, **Ann Ringland**. Best Species: *Saintpaulia ionantha*, **Eleanore West**.

**HEART OF MISSOURI AVS, MO - Winners:** Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Irish Flirt, Ness' Crinkle Blue, White Dew; Best in Show/Best Semiminature: Little Pro;

Best Trailer: Always Pink, **Allison Bruning**. 2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Rob's Antique Rose, Ness' Sno Fun, Rob's Nearly Perfect, **Peggy Payne**. Best Standard: Optimara Barbados; Best Design; Design Sweepstakes, **Barbara Schuette**. Best Miniature: Lollipop; Best Species: *Saintpaulia grandifolia* #237, **Catherine Ross**. Best Gesneriad: *Episcia* 'Pink Dreams', **Joe Schulz**. Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Dorothy Anderson**.

**HUDSON HIGHLANDS AVS, NY - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: *Saintpaulia velutina*, *Saintpaulia grandifolia* #237, *Saintpaulia diplotricha* Punter #7; Best Semiminature: Age of Innocence; Best Species: *Saintpaulia grandifolia* #237; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Carol Ann Burrell**. 2nd Best AVSA Standard Collection: Raspberry Glo, Blushing Ivory, Winter Ice; Best in Show/Best Standard: Winter Ice; Best Gesneriad: *Sinningia speciosa*; Best Design, **Barbara Perrott**. Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Rob's Wagga Wagga, Rob's Sticky Wicket, Rob's Humpty Doo; Best Trailer: Pony Ride, **Stephen Burrell**. Design Sweepstakes, **Kel Seberle**.

**JEFFERSON AV ASSOCIATION, LA - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Marshlands, Marching Band, Georgia Lover; Best in Show/Best Standard: Georgia Lover, **Gail Borne**. 2nd Best AVSA Standard Collection: Honeysuckle Rose, Cherokee Trail, Ellie Gardner; Best Trailer: Ramblin' Silver; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Celia Dazet**. Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Little Jayhawker, Rob's Mad Cat, Rob's Ruff Stuff; Best Semiminature: Little Jawhawker; Best Miniature: Optimara Little Moonstone, **Debbie Gainey**. Best Gesneriad: *Nematanthus* 'Black Gold'; Best Design; Design Sweepstakes, **Dot Benge**.

**LAKE SHORE AVS, IL - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Ocean Eyes, Pueblo, Lela Marie, **Steve Covolo**. 2nd Best AVSA Standard Collection: Smooch Me, Bertha, Makin' Romance; Best Standard: Makin' Romance, **Carol Allegrette**. Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Rob's Copper Cat, Rob's Macho Devil, Ness' Twinkle Pink; Best in Show/Best Semiminature: Rob's Macho Devil, **Andrea Worrell**. 2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Linda Darnel, Dazzle Trail, Rob's Lilli Pilli; Best Trailer: Dazzle Trail, **Anna Jean Landgren**. Best Miniature: Petite Blarney; Best Design, **Patsy Harmes**. Best Species: *Saintpaulia orbicularis* var. *purpurea*, **Morgan Simons**. Best Gesneriad: *Streptocarpus* 'Michelle', **Gary Mikita**. Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Harold Appleton**. Design Sweepstakes, **Barbara Goodsell**.

**LAKEHORE AVS OF TORONTO, ONT - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Ode to Beauty, Skagit Rascal, Red Lion; Best Miniature: Pink Dove, **Tony Hulleman**. Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Rob's Antique Rose, Rob's Boondoggle, Ness' Mini Sota; Best Semiminature: Rob's Boondoggle; Best Species: *Saintpaulia* House of Amani; Best Gesneriad: *Chirita subrhomboidia*, **Carolyn Conlin-Lane**. 2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Ness' Firefly, Rob's Antique Rose, Rob's Pink Puff; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Emma Bygott**. Best in Show/Best Standard: B-Man's Moncibello, **Bruno Curcuruto**. Best Design; Design Sweepstakes, **Vivian Beeching**.

**LATE BLOOMERS AVC OF MONROE, WI - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: The Alps, Optimara Michelangelo, Optimara Leonardo Davinci; 2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Rob's Iridium Queen, Twist 'n' Shout, Spring Prom; Best Standard: The Alps; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Shirley Street**. Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Ness' Crinkle Blue, Rob's Chimney Sweep, Rob's Boogie Woogie; Best in Show/Best Semiminature: Rob's Boogie Woogie; Best Miniature: Rob's Cherry Soda; Best Gesneriad: *Streptocarpus* 'Kitten Face', **Jan Judd**. Best Design: **Carole Zimmerman**; Design Sweepstakes, **Mable Lewis**.

**MASTER CITY AVS AND GESNERIAD SOCIETY, GA - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Anna Kreeck, Lela Marie, Wrangler's Dixie Celebration; Best Semiminature: Lyon's June Bug, **Sharon Miles**. Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Rob's Ice Maiden, Rob's Hopscotch, Pat Champagne; Best Miniature: Optimara Little Diamond; Best Gesneriad: *Streptocarpus* 'Velma', **Stephanie Duncan**. Best in Show/Best Standard: Mother's Day, **Joan Cumpton**. Best Design; Design Sweepstakes, **Angelika Bondar**. Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Sharon Miles and Stephanie Duncan**.

**METROPOLITAN ST. LOUIS AV COUNCIL, MO - Winners:** Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Optimara Rose Quartz, Optimara Little Ruby, Aca's Pink Pet; Best Miniature: Optimara Little Ruby, **Susan Hapner**. 2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Dean's Freckles, Definitely Darryl, Ness' Tutti Frutti, **Ardath Miller**. Best in Show/Best Semiminature: Rob's Fuddy Duddy; Best Standard: Mimi Morn, **Marion Hamtil**. Best Trailer: Milky Way Trail, **Nancy Amelung**. Best Gesneriad: *Sinningia* 'White Sprite', **Marcia Jacobs**. Best Design; Design Sweepstakes, **Fran Russom**. Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Marilyn Evensen**.

**MONCTONIAN AVS, CAN - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Bashful Beauty, Fantasy Maker, Ghost Dance; Best Miniature: Rob's Bee Boopsie; Best Trailer: Rob's Sticky Wicket; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Bonnie Murray**. 2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Rob's Fuddy Duddy, Rob's Antique Rose, Hector, **Sharon Bailly**. Best in Show/Best Standard: Nautical, **Sandy Golding**. Best Semiminature: Rob's Pewter Bells, **Louise Hughes**. Best Species: *Saintpaulia orbicularis*; Best Gesneriad: *Kohleria hirsuta*; Best Design; Design Sweepstakes, **Eva Belliveau**.

**MONTGOMERY AVS, AL - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Coral Kiss, Kiwi Dazzler, Happy Cricket; Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Boo Man, Pink Skies, Snuggles; Best in Show/Best Standard: Pride of Chicago; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Mary Chamberland**. 2nd Best AVSA Standard Collection: Makin' Romance, Rodeo Country, Designer Dress; Best Trailer: Ramblin' Sunshine, Best Design; Design Sweepstakes, **Donna Ferguson**. Best Semiminature: Rob's Sarsparilla, **Beverly Jarman**. Best

Gesneriad: *Episcia* 'Pink Dreams', **Peg Phythyon**.

**NAUGATONIC AVS, CT - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Optimara Trinidad, Picturesque, Blue Mink; Best Gesneriad: *Streptocarpus* 'Show Girl', **Charlotte Fletcher**. 2nd Best AVSA Standard Collection: Bud's Cassie, Picasso, Harbor Blue; Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Rob's Lilli Pilli, Rob's Sticky Wicket, Ramblin' Prince; Best in Show/Best Standard: Picasso; Best Miniature: Optimara Rose Quartz; Best Design: Horticulture Sweepstakes; Design Sweepstakes, **Edna Rourke**. 2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Rob's Sarsaparilla, Bashful, Rob's Antique Rose, **Ruth Wheeler**. Best Semiminiature: Ness' Angel Glitter, **Julie Prokop**.

**NEW YORK CITY AVS, NY - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: *Saintpaulia orbicularis* var. *purpurea*, *Saintpaulia tongwensis*, *Saintpaulia velutina*; Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Rob's Boolaroo, Rob's Miriwinini, Rob's Woolloomooloo; Best in Show/Best Trailer: Pixie Blue; Best Semiminiature: Rob's Calypso Beat; Best Miniature: Frosted Denim; Best Species: *Saintpaulia orbicularis* var. *purpurea*; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Edward Bradford**. 2nd Best AVSA Standard Collection: Nortex's Snowkist Haven, Optimara Illinois, Rhapsodie Monique, **Gregory Philips**. 2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Dean's Legacy, Rob's Kaleidoscope, Rob's Sandstorm; Best Gesneriad: *Chirita latifolia* x *lineafolia*, **Joseph Palagonia**.

**NORTH STAR AV COUNCIL, MN - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Bud's Gianna, Bud's Jane, Baritone; 2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Rob's Calypso Beat, Memory Maker, Ness' Twinkle Pink; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Sharon Johnson**. Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Rob's Boolaroo, Rob's Lilli Pilli, Rob's Sticky Wicket; Best in Show/Best Semiminiature: Definitely Darryl; Best Miniature: Ness' Tiny Flame; Best Trailer: Rob's Lilli Pilli, **Sandy Officer**. Best Standard: Nautical; Design Sweepstakes, **Barbara Werness**. Best Species: *Saintpaulia ionantha*; Best Gesneriad: *Nematanthus 'Bambino'*, **Ruth Bann**.

**ORANGE COUNTY AVS, CA - Winners:** Best in Show/Best Semiminiature: Rob's Boogie Woogie, **Dolly Silvola**. Best Standard: Rhapsodie Rosalie; Best Miniature: Rob's Bee Boopsie; Best Gesneriad: *Streptocarpus* 'Ulysses', **Honey Geck**. Best Trailer: Sticky Spring Trail, **Gini McCanne**. Best Species: *Saintpaulia rupicola*; Design Sweepstakes, **Ed Hoefler**. Best Design, **Chris Orcholski**. Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Diane Miller**.

**OSHKOSH VS, WI - Winners:** Golden Threads, Golden Plume, Lemon Whip; Best in Show/Best Standard: Golden Threads; Best Species: *Saintpaulia rupicola*; Best Gesneriad: *Chrysanthemum pulchella*; Best Design; Horticulture Sweepstakes; Design Sweepstakes, **Kevin Degner**. Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Rob's Boo Hoo, Rob's Macho Devil, Rob's Heat Wave; Best Miniature: Orchard's Bumble Magnet, **Betty Schreiber**. Best Semiminiature: Ness' Crinkle Blue, **Betsy Fox**. Best Trailer: Misty Trail, **Geraldine Wilz**.

**OTTAWA AVS, ONT - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Bud's Cindi, Designer Dress, Harbor Blue; Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Rob's Antique Rose, Irish Flirt, Rob's Calypso Beat, **Bob McCabe**. 2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Rob's Boolaroo, Rob's Lilli Pilli, Rob's Sticky Wicket; Best in Show/Best Semiminiature: Persian Lace; Best Miniature: Rob's Red Mist; Best Trailer: Dancin' Trail; Best Species: *Saintpaulia magungensis*, **Bruce Young**. Best Standard: Picasso, **Ray Foreman**. Best Gesneriad: *Sinningia canescens* hybrid, **Angele Biljan**. Best Design, **Lorna Russell**. Horticulture Sweepstakes; Design Sweepstakes, **Bob McCabe** and **Bruce Young**.

**PARMATOWN AVC, OH - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Ness' Bangle Blue, Rapid Transit, Ultra Violet Moonlight; Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Ness' Crinkle Blue, Rob's Bo Peep; Shy Blue, **Martha Bell**. 2nd Best AVSA Standard Collection: Picasso, Optimara Van Gogh, Diamond Girl, **Carol Shepard**. 2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Wee Be, Lollipop Kid, Ness' Crinkle Blue, **Tracy Lorence**. Best in Show/Best Standard: Chiffon Mist; Best Trailer: Daisy Trail; Best Gesneriad: *Sinningia speciosa* 'Giant Eagle'; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Linda Neumann**. Best Semiminiature: Precious Pink; Best Miniature: Rob's Soliloquy; Best Design; Design Sweepstakes, **Marian Tisdale**.

**RENO SPARKS AVS, NV - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Chantilly Lace, Austen's Love, Natchurly Nawlins; Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Rob's Hippy Hop, Rob's Macho Devil, Sum Pumpkin; Best in Show/Best Trailer: Pat's Cameo; Best Species: *Saintpaulia grandifolia*; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Carol Marks**. 2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Rob's Dandy Lion, Rob's Purple Slurple, Rob's Dust Storm; Best Design; Design Sweepstakes, **Diana Thrane**.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN AV COUNCIL, CO - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Vintage Wine, The Alps, Picasso, **Trudy Brekel**. Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Ness' Cranberry Swirl, Precious Pink, Ness' Mini Sota; Best Semiminiature: Lemon Cookie; Best Miniature: Merrilee, **Betty Margetts**. 2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Cutie, Everdina, Ness' Angel Blush; Best in Show/Best Standard: The Alps; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Nelly Levine**. Best Trailer: Tiny Wood Trail, **Beverly Promersberger**. Best Species: *Saintpaulia pendula* var. *kizarae*; Best Gesneriad: *Alsobia dianthiflora*, **Millissa Culver**. Best Design, **Billie Golla**.

**ROYAL SAINTPAULIA AVS, CAN - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Marie Knoblock, Fisherman's Paradise, Lela Marie; Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Rob's Purple Slurple, Rob's Dust Storm, Snuggles Snow Baby; Best in Show/Best Standard: Marie Knoblock; Best Semiminiature: Geordie; Best Miniature: Dawn Michelle; Best Design; Horticulture Sweepstakes; Design Sweepstakes, **Sherin Boyd**. 2nd Best AVSA Standard Collection: Red Lion, Sequins 'n' Ribbons, Silent Prayer; Best Trailer: Rob's Sticky Wicket; Best Species: *Saintpaulia diffilis*, **Susan Brooks**. Best Gesneriad: *Sinningia cardinalis*, **Willa Degonda**.

**THE SAINTPAULIA SOCIETY OF LONG ISLAND, NY - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Bud's Cassie, Lela Marie, Mindi's Tears; Best in Show/Best Standard: Lela Marie, **Jane Weber**. 2nd Best AVSA Standard Collection: Makin' Romance, Marvel, Muffy; Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Pat Champagne, Rob's Calypso Beat, Rob's Hallucination; Best Semiminiature: Rob's Dust Storm; Best Miniature: Hula Hoop; Best Trailer: Tiny Wood Trail; Best Species: *Saintpaulia diplosticha* Punter; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Edward Bradford**. 2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Little Pro, Rob's Calypso Beat, Rob's Mad Cat; Best Gesneriad: *Sinningia* hybrid, **Joseph Palagonia**. Best Design; Design Sweepstakes, **Claire Schirtzer**.

**SAN JAOQUIN AVS, CA - Winners:** Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Ness' Crinkle Blue, Ness' Mini Sota, Rob's Fiddle Faddle; Best in Show/Best Semiminiature: Ness' Crinkle Blue; Best Species: *Saintpaulia velutina*; Best Gesneriad: *Streptocarpus* 'Amethyst'; Best Design; Horticulture Sweepstakes; Design Sweepstakes, **Vera Parker**. 2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Ness' Red Express, Rob's Fiddle Faddle, Optimara Little Blackfoot; Best Miniature: Optimara Little Amethyst, **Angie Ford**. Best Standard: The Alps, **Gladys Cartwright**. Best Trailer: Rob's Boolaroo, **Mary Lloyd**. Best Gesneriad: *Streptocarpus* Amethyst.

**SAN MATEO AVS, CA - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Grandmother's Halo, San Mateo Blues, Tomahawk; Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Rob's Calypso Beat, Rob's Boondoggle, Rob's Fiddle Faddle; Best in Show/Best Standard: Grandmother's Halo; Best Semiminiature: Rob's Boondoggle; Best Species: *Saintpaulia confusa*; Best Design; Horticulture Sweepstakes; Design Sweepstakes, **Cathy Cornibe**. 2nd Best AVSA Standard Collection: Miss Santa Cruz, San Mateo, San Mateo Blues; 2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Little James, Cathy's Fireworks, School Bells; Best Trailer: Rob's Sticky Wicket, **Al Cornibe**. Best Gesneriad: *Nematanthus* 'Black Magic', **Celine Chase**.

**SILVERMINE AVS, CT - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Smooth Sailing, Ness' Candy Pink, Designer Dress; Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Boo Man, Rob's Whodunit, Rob's Boondoggle; Best in Show/Best Semiminiature: Boo Man; Best Standard: Ness' Candy Pink; Best Trailer: Pixie Blue; Best Design; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Lynn Wallach**. 2nd Best AVSA Standard Collection: Windy Day, Fisherman's Paradise, Tiger; Best Miniature: Rob's Vanilla Pink, **Jean Simons**. Best Gesneriad: *Streptocarpus* 'Bristol's Missy', **Sylvia Siegel**.

**SOCIETE DES SAINTPAULIA DE MONTREAL, QUE - Winners:** Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Shy Blue, Ness' Crinkle Blue, Irish Flirt; Best Semiminiature: Ness' Crinkle Blue; Best Miniature: Optimara Little Crystal; Best Gesneriad: *Gloxistema* 'First Frost'; Best Design, **Marie Belhumeur**. 2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Rob's Mad Cat, Rob's Sweet Dreams, Lemon Cookie; Horticulture Sweepstakes; Design Sweepstakes, **Annie Simard**. Best in Show/Best Standard: Picasso, **Marie Gagnon**. Best Trailer: Ramblin' Spots, **Pierre Laforet**.

**SPRINGFIELD AVC, OH - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Tiger, Back in Time, Evelyn Lord; Best Gesneriad: *Episcia* 'Pink Satin'; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Janice Carr**. Best in Show/Best Standard: Amazing Grace, **Kenneth Jones**. Best Semiminiature: Rob's Calypso Beat, **Florence Borton**. Best Miniature: Aca's Pink Pet; Best Trailer: Orchid Trail; Best Design; Design Sweepstakes, **Betty Bartley**.

**SUNDOWNERS AVS, LA - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Autumn Honey, Victorian Parasol, Apache Victory; 2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Ness' Crinkle Blue, Pink Skies, Precious Pink; Best in Show/Best Trailer: Sundown Trail; Best Miniature: Aca's Pink Pet; Best Gesneriad: *Streptocarpus* 'Matthew'; Horticulture Sweepstakes; Design Sweepstakes, **Elmer Godeeny**. 2nd Best AVSA Standard Collection: Suncoast Lavender Silk, Lela Marie, East Wind; Best Semiminiature: Rob's Antique Rose; Best Species: *Saintpaulia rupicola*, **Peggy Lazarraga**. Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Ness' Crinkle Blue, Optimara Little Cherokee, Dean's Arctic Frost; Best Standard: Natchurly Nawlins, **Martha Dyson**. Best Design, **Susie Smith**.

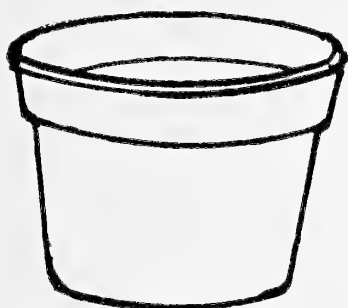
**TIDEWATER AVS, VA - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Fredette's Moonflower, Harbor Blue, Picasso; 2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Magic Blue, Rob's Fuddy Duddy, Ness' Crinkle Blue; Best in Show/Best Trailer: Cirelda; Best Standard: Picasso; Best Miniature: Ness' Angel Blush; Best Species: *Saintpaulia* House of Amani; Best Design; Horticulture Sweepstakes; Design Sweepstakes, **Pat Knight**. Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Handmade, Von's Simple Simon, Ness' Crinkle Blue; Best Semiminiature: Candy Crystals, **Rose Dudley**. Best Gesneriad: *Sinningia pusilla*, **Norma Griswald**.

**UNPREDICTABLE AVS, MO - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Picasso, Tiger, Lady Baltimore, **Beulah Cupito**. Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Rob's Boondoggle, Ness' Twinkle Pink, Rob's Fiddle Faddle; Best Semiminiature: Ness' Mini Sota, **Wilma Wolverton**. 2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Irish Flirt, Sassy Sister, Winnergreen, **June Bartrum**. Best in Show/Best Standard: Maverick's Tight Jeans; Best Gesneriad: *Streptocarpus* 'Branwin'; Horticulture Sweepstakes, **Sue Hill**. Best Species: *Saintpaulia confusa*; Best Design, **Linda Golubski**. Design Sweepstakes, **Deanna Loeffler**.

**VENTURA COUNTY AVS, CA - Winners:** Best AVSA Standard Collection: Outrage, Ness' Disco Belle, Soul Music; Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Ness' Red Express, Ness' Cranberry Swirl, Precious Pink; Best in Show/Best Semiminiature: Ness' Red Express; Best Standard: Soul Music, **Carroll Gealy**. 2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Ethel Twiford, White Ruffles, Pat Champagne; Best Miniature: Rob's Twinkle Pink; Horticulture Sweepstakes; Design Sweepstakes, **Ann Wong**. Best Trailer: Dazzle Trail; Best Species: *Saintpaulia orbicularis*, **Barbara Nussear**. Best Gesneriad: *Streptocarpus* 'Midnight Flame', **Leslie Cox**. Best Design, **Florence Naylor**.

# PROPER POTTING PAYS DIVIDENDS

by Anne Tinari  
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A flurry of inquiries have recently landed on my desk regarding proper pots for African violets. There appears to be a grave misunderstanding as to type of pot or size to use for growing our favorite plant.

Let the standard rule established in the first Judge's Handbook published by our society be your initial guide. The diameter of the pot should be one-third of the plant spread diameter. For instance, a plant that measures 6" across would be properly planted in a 2" pot. A plant with 9" foliage would require a 3" pot, and a 12" leaf spread is quite comfortable in a 4" pot. Seldom is a pot larger than a 4" needed.

Many individuals are confused as to the best type pot for growing these beauties. One must remember African violets are a semi-tropical plant that thrive best in a plastic pot. Some growers prefer clay pots, however, experience tells us the wanner environment of the plastic pot to be more suitable to provide warmth, proper aeration, cleaner and lighter in weight for employees to handle. Also a lot less expensive. In contrast clay pots are colder, dry out quicker are subject to algae forming on the pot rim and fertilizer salts which adhere to clay substances.

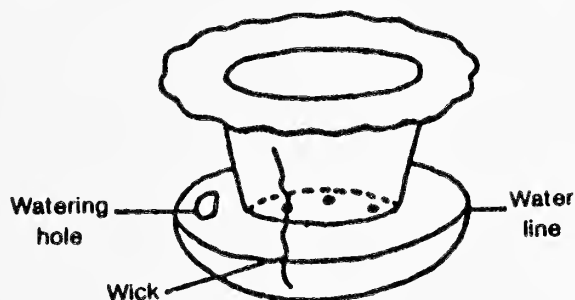
Years ago we changed from clay to plastic pots in our six greenhouses and found them to be a great advantage in growing this warm crop. Regardless of the type pot used one must remember to use proper drainage, unless you are using the self-watering pots with a reservoir. In any case, never use a pot that has been previously used unless it is thoroughly washed. No matter how clean a pot looks it may harbor harmful bacteria and spores or tiny pests that are invisible and can be easily transmitted to your newly potted plant. We prefer squatty pots to the tall geranium type giv-

ing the advantage of proper drainage and avoiding a wet mass to settle in the center of the pot.

The ever-popular 2-piece ceramic pots are very efficient if used properly. Plants thrive and come back into bloom more rapidly. Plants should be potted directly in the insert which is unglazed and porous. Water and fertilizer are absorbed through the insert into the soil. A skim of charcoal is beneficial before placing plants in the insert. Fill lower pot with water about 1 1/2" from top allowing plant to absorb water from the reservoir until water has evaporated to about 1/2" from the bottom, usually 7 to 10 days, depending on the warmth or dryness of the plants environment.

There are also many types of self-watering plastic pots. Some have a reservoir and a wick, others use a different principle for the water to be absorbed to the plant to keep them constantly moist. Directions are usually available with any type pot using a self-watering system and are successful when directions are followed.

Constant repotting is not necessary if the proper pot and soil is used. With the many excellent plant foods on the market that can supply nutrients that leach out of the soil. Proper potting gives one the opportunity to efficiently groom a violet for proper symmetry and prospects to mature into a full blooming plant.



# Knowing Your Violets ... Basic Flower Types

When African violets were first discovered in East Africa, there existed only one flower type and color – single blue pansy blossom with five petals. Now, after years of hybridizing, violet blossoms appear in many different types. Knowing the terms that violet hybridizers and growers use, and learning the characteristics of different flower types can help us in selecting violets. We'll look at each of these characteristics.

**By the number of flower petals.** Flowers having only 5 petals are called "single". "Double" refers to flowers with 10 or more petals (i.e. two or more full sets of five). We call a flower "semidouble" when there are from 6 to 9 petals. Often the number of petals will change because of many different reasons, either genetic or cultural. For example, blossoms will often have more petals in cooler weather, less in warmer weather. That is why we can find descriptions like "single to semidouble" or "semidouble to double".

**By the shape of the flowers.** The most common flower shape is the species-type or "pansy" type. These flowers are shaped like tiny pansy flowers, with two groups of petals – two smaller upper petals and three larger lower ones. It's very easy to identify an "upside-down" photo of such a blossom, given the difference in petal sizes. "Star" type flowers have equal size petals. The number of points in the star will depend upon whether it is single, semidouble or double – a five or more pointed star. These blossoms will look nearly identical whether seen "right-side up" or "upside down". Other, less common, shapes are "bells" and "wasp". "Bell" shaped flowers have petals which are fused together at their base, creating a bell-type appearance. These can be single or double, pansy or star types. "Wasp" type flowers are rare because of their especially narrow petals, made rarer by the fact that they usually are single (and drop readily) and are small, which makes them commercially unpopular.

**By the shape of the petals.** Species violets, and most of the very old varieties, all have smooth, flat petals. Modern varieties, besides being larger, also come in many different shapes – curly, wavy, and heavily fringed. These can give the blossoms a more feminine or exotic look.

**By the color of the flowers.** The most dominant color in violets, which appears in all of the species, is blue and purple. Pinks and whites, reds and corals, then green and yellow have appeared. Of course, color depends upon what the hybridizer and grower sees, when the plant is grown in their particular environment, not to mention small genetic differences from plant to plant. What is "wine" anyway? Is it more of a purple, red, or somewhere in between? Violet growers also define some colors in their own way. For example, hobbyists have accepted a somewhat purplish, fuchsia shade of red as "red", not the "fire-engine red" that others might expect. Another example is the hobbyists' use of the color "yellow". "Yellow" means white

or pink blossoms with yellow streaks or mottling, not "canary yellow".

**By the combination of colors.** Sometimes violets have more than one color or shades of a color on the petals. A "fantasy" blossom is where one predominant color is dotted or streaked with another. An example is 'New Creation's Blackjack' a medium blue flower with white markings. "Edged" blossoms are those circled with a different color or shade on the edges, and these include 'Mikado Red', 'Sockeye', 'Rob's Sarsapanilla', and 'Ode to Beauty'. "Multi-color" blossoms are those having two or more colors, 'Aggie Trail' being an example. A "two-toned" flower has different shades of a single color, without a distinct margin between the shades. 'Picasso' is an example. This is a definition that is falling out of use, since the difference in shades is often difficult to see or describe, especially when plants are grown under less than ideal conditions. "Pinwheel" blooms are perhaps the most unusual and striking color combination, where colors are shown in alternate stripes on the petals. These are commonly referred to as "chimeras", since varieties of these type often cannot be successfully reproduced by leaf cuttings to get true-blooming plants.

Most hybridizers register their new varieties with the *African Violet Society of America*. The names and descriptions of these registered varieties can be found in the *Master Variety List*, published by AVSA and available both in print and on computer disk. Looking through the *MVL*, you might notice that descriptions of newer varieties tend to be more interesting and complex. Hybridizers are coming up with more colors and combinations of colors, and accurate descriptions are becoming harder to write. When grown by hobbyists, many of these varieties never precisely look as they were described. No two growers have exactly the same growing conditions, so it's not surprising to see plants of the same variety, grown by different people, sometimes looking quite different.

Also, as flower colors and types become more complex and unusual, these varieties become more genetically unstable. Though we, as hobbyists, demand brighter and more unusual colors and combinations of colors, we also complain when our particular plant doesn't appear as described by the seller or hybridizer. This is the price we have to pay for such beautiful new creations. Sometimes the best solution is just to keep some leaves rooting of these "unreliable" varieties, expecting the parent plant to change color due to stress, old age, or our own neglect. Even then, not all of the plantlets may bloom true to description. If we want certainty and simplicity, we can grow the species – simple flowers in one color and shape, but always very safe and predictable.

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# AIR AND YOUR PLANTS

by Sue Gardner  
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## **Why do plants need air?**

Air is composed of Nitrogen, Oxygen, Carbon Dioxide and other trace gases. Oxygen is used to convert food into energy so that plants can grow and thrive. Remember that roots as well as leaves and stems need oxygen. Carbon dioxide is used by plants in food production. The amount of carbon dioxide in the air varies from 0.03% in outdoor country areas to 1% in poorly ventilated rooms. The more carbon dioxide there is the more the potential for plants to grow. Other factors will affect this however.

## **What about air temperature?**

Air temperature virtually controls the temperature of plants. If plants are kept too hot, growth and flowering will be adversely affected. Water will also be lost from the plant and potting mix unless humidity is kept high enough. If the plant is kept too cold, cell processes will stop and the plant will not thrive. A temperature range of about 15°C - 25°C is best.

## **What about humidity?**

Relative humidity of 40 - 70% is good for African violets. It is measured as the amount of water that exists as vapor in the air. The actual amount of water that will vaporize into the air increases as the temperature increases. This is good, as we do not want cold, wet African violets.

If humidity is too **low**, leaves will not look fresh and healthy. The plant will droop or look dull. Buds will not develop or will even dry out and die. Flowers will not attain the correct size. Many growers report that large flowers only develop to their full size when humidity is correct.

If humidity is too **high**, water will not evaporate from the leaves. This means more water containing fertilizer will not move up the plant and so the plant will starve. The leaves may be undersized and rot may develop. Powdery mildew will thrive when humidity is too high and temperature is low.

To increase humidity, place saucers of water around

plants. If you wick water, humidity should be okay. To counteract high humidity, keep air moving with a fan, which does not blow directly on plants, or increase the temperature if it is too low.

## **Do African violets need air to circulate?**

African violets enjoy good air circulation under certain conditions. Movement of air across leaves causes an increase in transpiration (evaporation of water from leaves). This causes more water-containing nutrients to move into the plant allowing for more growth. Air circulating around plants also inhibits development of some disease, as it does not allow the organisms to "settle down". However some pests are airborne, so it is best not to grow plants next to an open window allowing thrips or aphids to fly inside.

## **What about drafts?**

Drafts are usually cold, so they will harm African violets. Leaves may curl down or develop streaks or spots because their roots become cold. Flowers may also drop. Blasts of hot air from heating systems can also damage plants. The humidity around the plant will fall too low and cause bud blast and dull, dry plants. Hot summer wind has the same effect.

Ventilate your plants safely by opening a window or door adjacent to your plant room. This will allow fresh air to filter into the plant room without creating a heavy draught or causing a dramatic temperature change.

## **Does gas from stoves or gas heaters harm African violets?**

If a small amount of gas escapes into the air it can harm your plants. It will retard growth and affect blooming. It can also cause leaf damage.

Happy growing!

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*Worth Repeating...*

# Fantasies - Nature's Gorgeous Goof

by Donald Baker

Fantasy blossoms, those with an unpredictable pattern of flecks or streaks against a different colored background, are among the most loved and most criticized of violet combinations. The fantasies are always among the most popular offerings. But customers complain more frequently about these flowers than about any others. The complaint is always the same — the flower didn't come true or won't propagate true. We are accused of not having taken leaves from a genetically true plant. They don't understand that the same mechanism, which permits the striated blossom in the first place, is responsible for its reversion to a solid color.

African violets are extremely rich in unstable, genetic material. Compared to practically any other flowering plant commonly in cultivation, violets are exceptionally changeable. None of the annuals, petunias, zinnias, marigolds, etc., has the diversity of color, form, and foliage to compete with violets. With roses the comparison is even more striking. A very limited number of roses are introduced each year, and something as novel as a simple bicolor sets off waves of excitement. Remember, too, that violets have a very short hybridizing history, while these other plants have received attention for centuries. Part of the rapid improvement in violets through hybridizing is due to the violet's constant blooming habit and ease of fertilization. But the major factor remains this species' tremendous adaptability. Sexual reproduction is nature's method of dealing with change. Under environmental stress, chromosomes, the hereditary agents, can be changed or modified to yield new genetic combinations, a few of which can be of help to the plant in adapting to new conditions. If the genetic code were always copied exactly, the plant would have no chance to adapt to new stresses. Under stress the violet has reacted by producing the most dazzling array of flowers and foliage of any flowering houseplant.

The secret of fantasy blossoms is bound up in the interplay of dominant and recessive characteristics. The chromosomal makeup of any plant or animal contains some genes which are stronger, more readily expressed, than others. The 30 violet chromosomes determine size of plant, size of blossom, color of blossom, and the thousands of other factors to which we pay scant attention because they are too minute. In any individual, plant or animal, we see only the expression of that individual's dominant genetic traits, although some of these traits may, in fact, be recessive to the species

as a whole. For example, in the Caucasian race brown hair and brown eyes are dominant colors. If a man with brown hair and eyes marries a woman with blond hair and blue eyes, the odds are in favor of brown hair and brown eyes in their children. Let us assume that all their children have these two characteristics, but their grandchildren may have blond hair and blue eyes because each of their children carried a strong, recessive gene for blond hair and blue eyes. Each individual expresses the stronger gene, but the weaker gene may not be very much weaker than the dominant one expressed.

The fantasy bloom in violets occurs because of a genetic mistake. The gene in charge of pigmentation does not thoroughly express the dominant color, letting a more recessive color in the genetic composition of the flower show through. This striation pattern in the blossom also occurs in other flowers, such as delphiniums, tulips and zinnias. Somewhere along the line the chromosomes have failed to reproduce themselves exactly as directed. It's not surprising that the original fantasy bloom was purple against a lavender background, which is just a more recessive shade of purple. Much was made of the variability of the striation pattern from one flower to the next on the same plant. They were called fantasy blossoms because no two were exactly alike. That extreme variability in the flowers, however, is indicative of the instability of the defective pigmentation gene. Sometimes a plant will produce a solid purple flower on the same blossom stalk with fantasy blossoms. The plant carries a strong recessive gene for the solid color. Careful genetic research has determined that each violet plant that arises from a leaf actually comes from a different cell. This can happen because violets are totipotent, which means that any cell can reproduce an individual. Even if all leaves are taken from a fantasy plant, a certain number of the daughter plants will have solid color flowers. So the grower can take leaves conscientiously from fantasy plants and still produce some solid blossom plants. The percentage of these undesirable plants varies from about one-sixth in some varieties to one-third in others. If you take leaves from a solid color blossom sport in an attempt to again derive the fantasy, the odds are very high against success.

From the original fantasy, two shades of purple, it was only a short step to combining a pink background with the purple flecks. It is interesting that if the pink is lightly flecked

with purple, its sport is almost always solid pink, not purple. But if the pink is heavily streaked with purple, its sport is invariably solid purple. We have had these purple and pink combinations with us for years, but development in this field has lagged in recent years. 'Sparkled Star' and 'Little Rascal' did give us a purple background with pink flecks. Perhaps the most interesting introduction in the recent past was 'Sparkle Plenty', which not only had two shades of pink instead of the usual purple and pink motif, but also offered a different flecking pattern, with the darker flecks grouped around the outside of the petal. 'Loco Joe' featured a light lilac background and mauve instead of purple flecks but did not change the basic flecking pattern.

As a result of much work in this area, we were able to introduce, in 1979, several plants, which, while quite attractive, lay the groundwork for further breakthroughs. 'Wing Ding' is a ruffled white star with a broad lilac edge in which flecks of purple are very pronounced. For two reasons this plant is important. One, it is the first fantasy with pure white as the background and, two, it has the fantasy pattern on the edge of the blossom. 'Sparkle Plenty' is not part of this plant's parentage, so the flecking pattern on the margin of the petal must be a recessive feature of the dominant two-toned petal pattern. 'Jumpin' Jack Flash', a maroon semidouble mottled with white and flecked with pink, has the three colors in the blossom like 'Wing Ding' and also brings the white into play. The third spectacular is 'Pepper Pot', a giant white double with a pink center and purple flecks throughout the blossom. This plant also has yellow and green variegated foliage. Again we have three colors, one of which is white. The white

is so important because it provides the very best background against which the striation may be seen, much preferable to a pink background. A white background with dark red, purple, or blue flecks would be sensational.

We have also introduced a third color into the fantasy blossom unintentionally. The star form has become almost the only shape for the fantasy bloom over the past few years. While this shape certainly does show off the streaks in the blossom we made crosses to develop heavily ruffled fantasy types. From the ruffled parent we picked up a very good green edge in two introductions. 'Monkey Business' is a heavily frilled version of the traditional two shades of purple, but it also has a good green edge across the top petals, which will not wash out in hot weather, as do most other green edges. 'Bedeviled' is a heavily ruffled mauve semi-double with magenta flecks and the green edge, though not as heat resistant, across the top petals.

We have also begun the process of putting the appealing fantasy blossoms on variegated foliage to offer more exciting plants. 'Pepper Pot' is on yellow and green variegated foliage. We have three more on Tommie Lou foliage. 'Aglitter' is the 'Sparkle Plenty' pattern of medium pink background with cerise flecks around the edge. 'Fantasia' is a very light pink background with long dark blue, not purple, streaks through it. 'Winter's Folly' is the more common lilac background with purple flecks.

The beautiful fantasy design sprang from a genetic mistake. As hybridizers, we are working diligently in this area making crosses to give nature ample opportunity to delight us further by making another mistake.

## Blossom Types

The variety of colors, shapes, and forms of the African violet blossoms has increased over the years. Some of the more important are the following:



**Bell:** Single blossoms with a bell shape.



**Chimera:** Blossoms, with stripes that radiate from the center, pinwheel.



**Double:** Blossoms with at least two layers of petals.



**Fantasy:** Blossoms are splotched, streaked or rayed with contrasting color or deeper shade of the same color. The blossoms can be of any kind or shape.



**Fringed:** Blossoms have heavily serrated or fringed outerlobes. The blossoms can be any kind or shape.



**Edged:** Blossoms can be any shape. Lobes of the blossoms are edged with any color. **Geneva** or **Geneva edged:** Lobes of the blossoms are edged with white.



**Multicolor:** Blossoms with two or more colors.



**Semidouble:** Blossoms that possess more than the standard five lobes, such as those blossoms with a crest or tuft at the center, but less than a full second row of petals. Blossoms may appear single but will have multiple anthers.



**Single:** Blossoms have five lobes, with two upper lobes that are usually smaller than the three lower ones.



**Star:** Blossoms have five lobes of about equal size and distance from one another. The blossoms can be single, semidouble, or double. The double star has extra layers of petals but maintains the star form.



**Two-tone:** Blossoms having two or more shades of a color.



**Wasp:** Blossoms are single and each lobe is very narrow.

# So You'd Like to Make a Seed Pod?

by Pat Hancock • West Chester, OH

Thrips know how to make them, and they often do. However, sometimes it is hard to get the cross you are looking for to "take". Doubles are much harder than singles or semidoubles, and it is often better to use the pollen from the double and a single or semidouble for the seed parent. Certain blossoms will not produce seed, no matter what you do.

There are many ways to get the pollen onto the pistil, and I have tried most of them. When I first began trying to make seed, I used my finger to transfer the pollen. None of my efforts succeeded and I was very discouraged. I was advised to use a small brush, a Q-Tip, and so on.

I discovered one day that the best way to transfer pollen was with the flower itself. Now I take a flower off of the plant that I wish to use for the pollen parent. I take a small pair of scissors and cut the tip off the pollen sacs. With my finger, I gently flick them to spread the pollen over the face of the flower. Then, I take it to the plant that I have chosen for the seed parent and touch the pistil gently to the face of the flower with the pollen spread on it.

You only need one or two grains of pollen. Too much will ruin the end of the stigma and your cross will not "take". When I was using my finger, I was jamming the end of the stigma closed. You must be very gentle; no matter which method you use.

If you were successful, in a couple of days you will notice that the flower has died. Soon, a seed pod will begin to develop. You must be patient at this point - you will have to wait from three to five months for the seed pod to "ripen". At the end of the allotted time, it will begin to dry out and become smaller. This is when it is ready to be removed from the plant and be stored in a dry place for about two weeks. Then, if all that went on without a hitch, you are ready to plant your seed.

I use Jiffy Pellets for my planting medium. It must be light, and sterile. Soak 2 or 3 of the cubes in water. When they have expanded, take off the cover and squeeze some of the water out. Place the wet peat in a container with a clear top. I like the salad containers that come from fast food restaurants.

Fold a piece of white paper in half, open it, then hold the seed pod over the paper and open it. The seeds that fall out will look like black pepper. Sprinkle them gently over the prepared peat bed, spreading them out as best you can. Put the lid on and place them about four to six inches from your light fixtures. They should start to come up in about two to three weeks. It's such fun watching the new plants grow from such tiny things!

## In Memory

### MARGARET VALLIN

Margaret Vallin, 94, of Beaumont, TX, passed away in June, 1999. Margaret came to Beaumont from Dallas in the early 1950's and helped create interest in the African violet in Southeast Texas. Instrumental in organizing the AVS of Beaumont in 1952, Margaret was the last surviving charter member of the club.

Margaret was nationally recognized for her work with African violets. An avid hybridizer in her own right, she was renowned for her Texas and Val's violet series, some of which are registered. Margaret also worked with other growers and hybridizers in creating new varieties. She sold violets that she had propagated and a number of her plants were on the AVSA Honor Roll of African Violets. Her plants were much in demand in the 1950's and 1960's.

Over the years Margaret was interviewed several times in the African Violet Magazine about her work with violets.

Longtime friend, Winston Smith of Liberty, TX, remembers many happy times working and enjoying violets with Margaret.

In later years, Margaret was unable to care for her plants, and eventually became an inactive member of the AVS of Beaumont,

but in all her 94 years, her love for African violets never dimmed.

(Compiled by Frankie Pletzer and Alice Wilder, AVS of Beaumont.)



### JOHN D. MENISH

John D. Menish of Brandon, FL, passed away in March, 1999. John was a past president of Tampa AVS and had also served as first vice president. John was always involved with plant sales, show entries, ways and means, planning and presenting programs and served as an AVSA Judge. John was also former treasurer of the AV Council of Florida, a member of Tampa Bay Gesneriad Society, AVSA and Dixie AVS. John will be remembered for his readiness to help, encouraging words and ready smile.

### JUDY REINWALD

Judy Reinwald of Glenview, IL, passed away in July, 1999. A member of AVSA and the Illinois AVS, Judy was also a charter member of the Barrington Bloomers AVS and served as President twice. The Barrington Bloomers affiliated with AVSA in 1977, and Judy was part of each show, exhibiting beautiful African violets and winning many blue ribbons.

# Thank You For Auction Success

by Pat Richards • Olathe, KS

Thanks to the very generous donors, the winning bidders, and to the auction staff for making the 1999 Houston Saturday Luncheon Auction so successful! This year the final auction amount was \$3320, thanks to a donation from an anonymous donor, who, despite having not won anything in the bidding gave \$25 to AVSA as thanks for the "fun". Next year, in addition to the live Saturday Luncheon Auction, we will have a silent auction as well. This will help shorten the length of the live auction to better fit within convention time constraints.

With great sadness, I must report I will no longer be responsible for the auction. Edna Rourke, a very fine organizer, AVSA Director, and member of the AVSA Booster Fund and Convention Committees, will be taking over beginning with the 2000 Omaha convention.

Now, to the recognition, beginning with the devoted efforts of Dale Martens. Dale helped gather the items in Houston, acknowledged their receipt, and transferred them all to the convention site. Then, she did a lovely job as a "strutter", showing off the items to their best advantage during the auction. To Dale, a most sincere and deserved, thank you! (I owe you, big time!)

And a huge "THANK YOU, YOU'RE THE BEST" to all the helpers at the auction, beginning with the two other "strutters": Mona Donnell and Steve Covolo. To the Secretaries who recorded the bids: Susan Hapner and Amy Trept. To the "spotters" who did such a tremendous job: Lee Shaughnessy, Carol Allegretti, Edna Rourke, Helen Blanton, Terry Klemesrud, Carolyn Burr, Jack Wilson and Ron Miller. To Jenny, Joanne and Tammi of the AVSA office staff who helped run the treasury. To our "helpers where help was

needed": Jim Owens, Sandy Shaughnessy, Charles Wells and Will Dennis. To the ladies who carefully packed items for the trip home: Nancy Moerer and Jeanne Cotten.

Finally, to John Carter, who helped create, keep, maintain, and record the auction records. And, to all the devoted donors who stepped forth with such tremendous enthusiasm and great items for the auction:

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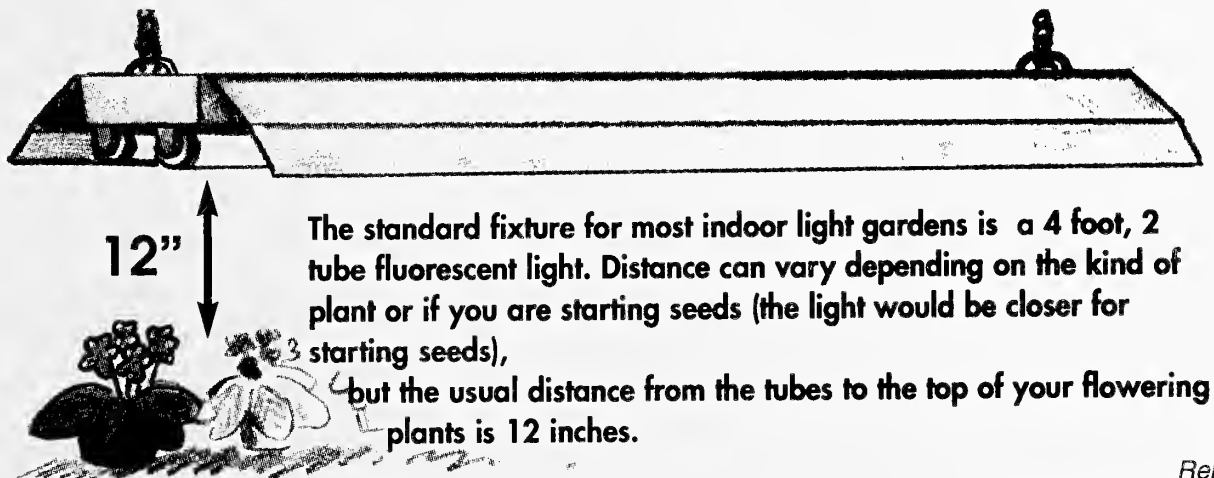
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# Coming Events



## September 11 - CALIFORNIA

AVS of San Francisco Plant Sale  
San Francisco County Fair Bldg.  
9th Ave. & Lincoln Way  
San Francisco, CA  
Hours: 10am - 4pm  
Info: Gary Beck (415) 771 - 2342

## September 14 - NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque AVC Presentation  
"Unusual Gesneriads for the Light Garden"  
Albuquerque Garden Center  
10120 Lomas Blvd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM  
Hours: 1pm - 3pm  
Info: Nancy Stewart (505) 890 - 8420

## September 18 & 19 - CALIFORNIA

Delta Gesneriad and AV Society Judged Show/Sale  
Shepard Garden & Arts Center  
3300 McKinley Blvd.  
Sacramento, CA  
Sept 18 - 2pm - 5pm  
Sept 19 - 10am - 5pm  
Info: Lynn Lombard (530) 637 - 9000

## September 24 & 25 - TENNESSEE

Volunteer State AV Council Show/Sale  
Memphis Botanic Garden  
Goldsmith Civic Garden Center  
750 Cherry Rd., Memphis, TN  
Sept 24 - 9am - 6pm  
Sept 25 - 9am - 5pm  
Info: Carolyn Cooper (901) 872 - 6306

## September 24 & 25 - TEXAS

First AVS of Dallas, Alpha AVS  
and First Nighter AVS Joint Fall Sale  
Plano Market Center, Garden Ridge Mall  
Ave. K at Springcreek Pkwy, Plano, TX  
Sept 24 - 10am - 9pm  
Sept 25 - 10am - 6pm  
Info: Grace Davis (972) 278 - 0389

## September 24 & 25 - IOWA

Cedar Valley AVC 8th Annual Show/Sale  
Crossroads Mall, Waterloo, IA  
Sept 24 - 10am - 9pm  
Sept 25 - 10am - 4pm  
Info: Barbara Pershing (319) 987 - 2235  
Email: <barbara.pershing@uni.edu>

## September 25 - CALIFORNIA

Fancy Bloomers AVS Plant Sale  
Coddington Mall, Guernville Rd. at Hwy. 101  
Santa Rosa, CA  
Hours: 10am - 4pm  
Info: Byron Borck (707) 527 - 8362

## September 25 - MISSOURI

Metropolitan St. Louis AV Council  
17th Annual Show/Sale  
West Port Plaza, Indoor Mall  
St. Louis, Mo  
Hours: 10am - 4pm  
Info: Mildred Borsch (314) 878 - 8187

## September 25 - ILLINOIS

Glenview/North Shore AVS  
Fall Get Together Luncheon  
Best Western Inn of Burr Ridge  
300 S Frontage Rd., Burr Ridge, IL  
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## September 25 & 26 - NEBRASKA

Omaha AVS Exhibit/Sale  
Westroads Mall  
102nd & West Dodge  
Omaha, NE  
Sept 25 - 10am - 9pm  
Sept 26 - noon - 5pm  
Info: Perry Robinson - 280 - 2882

## September 25 - OREGON

Portland AVS Fall Sale  
Mall 205 Shopping Center, 9900 SE Washington St  
(Inside the mall), Portland, OR  
Hours: 10am - 7pm  
Info: Charlotte Smith (503) 771 - 5762

## October 2 - WASHINGTON

Tacoma Saintpaulia Society Sale  
Poole's Nursery and Garden Center  
6th at Union, Tacoma, WA  
Hours: 10am - 3pm

## October 2 - CANADA

Stampede City AVS Display/Sale  
Market Mall Shopping Centre  
3725 Shaganappi Trail NW  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada  
Info: Winston Goretsky (403) 241 - 8300  
Email: <goretsky@cadvision.com>  
Website: <http://www.cadvision.com/wjg/main.html>

## October 2 - TEXAS

Spring Branch AVC Plant Sale  
Fair Haven United Methodist Church  
1330 North Gessner  
Houston, TX  
Hours: 9am - 4pm

## October 2 & 3 - MICHIGAN

Michigan State AVS Display/Sale  
Matthaei Botanical Gardens  
1800 Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, MI  
Oct 2 - 10am - 4:30pm  
Oct 3 - 11am - 2pm  
Info: Lorean Callentine (517) 345 - 9053

## October 8 - 10 - WISCONSIN

Wisconsin Council AVS Judged Show/Sale  
East Towne Mall, East Washington Ave.  
Madison, WI  
Oct 8 & 9 - 10am - 9pm  
Oct 10 - 11am - 6pm  
Info: Bonnie Henell (608) 221 - 2050

## October 9 - NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque AVC Sale  
10120 Lomas Blvd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM  
Hours: 10am - 4pm  
Nancy Stewart (505) 890 - 8420

## October 9 - ARKANSAS

Bella Vista AVS Show/Sale  
Dixieland Mall, Rogers, AR  
Hours: 9am - 4pm

## October 12 - NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque AVC Presentation  
"Decorating For the Holidays"  
Albuquerque Garden Center  
10120 Lomas Blvd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM  
Hours: 1pm - 3pm  
Info: Nancy Stewart (505) 890 - 8420

## October 15 & 16 - LOUISIANA

Top Choice AVS of Shreveport Sale  
Pierre Bossier Mall  
2950 Texas, East Bossier, LA  
Both Days: 10am - 6pm  
Info: Flora Nugent (318) 929 - 7749

## October 15 & 16 - MINNESOTA

North Star AV Council Show/Sale  
Eden Prairie Center  
I-494 and Hwy 169  
Eden Prairie, MN  
Mall Hours  
Info: Barbara Werness (612) 754 - 3918

## October 15 - 17 - MINNESOTA

Lakes Area Violet Growers Display/Sale  
Maplewood Mall, White Bear Ave at I 694  
Maplewood, MN  
Oct 15 & 16 - 10am - 9pm  
Oct 17 - 11am - 5pm  
Info: Jean Ness (651) 429 - 4109  
(note new area code)

## October 16 & 17 - ILLINOIS

Northern Illinois Gesneriad Society Show/Sale  
Friendship Park Conservatory  
395 Algonquin Rd.  
Des Plaines, IL  
Both Days: 11am - 3pm

## October 16 & 17 - TEXAS

First Austin AVS Display/Sale  
Zilker Garden Center  
2220 Barton Springs Rd, Austin, TX  
Both Days: 10am - 4:30pm  
Info: Penny Moore (512) 759 - 1283

## October 16 & 17 - CALIFORNIA

Thousand Oaks AVS Judged Show/Sale  
Thousand Oaks Library, 1401 Janss Rd.  
Thousand Oaks, CA  
Oct 16 - 11am - 5pm  
Oct 17 - 1pm - 4pm  
Info: Carroll Gealy (818) 991 - 3362

## October 24 - MASSACHUSETTS

Bay State AVS 199 Annual Dinner and Business Meeting  
Waltham Field Station, Waltham, MA  
Plant Sale 11am, dinner 1pm  
Info: Anne Marie Flynn (508) 435 - 7113

## October 23 & 24 - FLORIDA

Gulf AVC Display/Sale  
Ft. Myers-Lee County Garden Council Bldg.  
2646 Cleveland Ave.  
Ft. Myers, FL  
Oct 23 - 9am - 6pm  
Oct 24 - 9am - 5pm  
Info: Blanche Foltz (941) 772 - 1056

## October 23 & 24 - MISSOURI

Gateway West Gesneriad Society Show/Sale  
Missouri Botanical Garden  
4344 Shaw Blvd., St Louis, MO  
Both Days: 9am - 5pm  
Info: Gary Dunlap Email: <patpets@jcn1.com>

## October 28 - 30 - NEW YORK

New York AVS Convention/Show/Sale  
Holiday inn - Utica Executive Park  
1777 Burrstone Rd., New Hartford, NY  
Info: Peter Thompson (315) 446 - 0355

## October 29 - 31 - MINNESOTA

AVS of Minnesota Show/Sale  
Har Mar Mall  
Cty. Rd. B and Snelling Ave.  
Roseville, MN  
Oct 29 - 10am - 9pm  
Oct 30 - 10am - 6pm  
Oct 31 - noon - 5pm  
Info: Kathy Lahti (320) 274 - 1157

## October 30 & 31 - CONNECTICUT

Nutmeg State AVS Show/Sale  
Days Inn, Exit 55, I-95, Branford, CT  
Oct 30 - 1pm - 5pm  
Oct 31 - 10am - 3pm  
Info: (203) 281 - 1715



**October 30 & 31 - PENNSYLVANIA**

AVS of Philadelphia Show/Sale  
 Water Tower Recreation Center of Chestnut Hill  
 Hartwell & Ardleigh Streets  
 Philadelphia, PA  
 Oct 30 - 1pm - 5pm  
 Oct 31 - 11am - 4pm  
 Info: Judith Smith (215) 233 - 2579  
 Peggy Dephillipo (610) 489 - 4744

**October 30 & 31 - MISSOURI**

Missouri Valley AV Council Show/Sale  
 Henry VIII Hotel & Conference Center  
 4690 North Lindbergh Blvd.  
 St. Louis, MO  
 Oct 30 - 11am - 5pm  
 Oct 31 - 10 am - 2pm  
 Info: Helen Blanton (636) 441 - 3072  
 Nancy Amelung (314) 961 - 7142

**November 4 - 6 - TEXAS**

Lone Star AV Council Annual Convention  
 Ramada Inn Bayfront Conference Center  
 601 North Water Street  
 Corpus Christi, TX

**November 4 - 7 - CALIFORNIA**

Northern California Council of AV Societies  
 DoubleTree Hotel  
 1055 Van Ness Ave.  
 Fresno, CA  
 Info: Renee Wilson (559) 897 - 1662

**November 5 & 6 - FLORIDA**

Suncoast AVC Plant Sale  
 St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church  
 3747 34th St., S  
 St. Petersburg, FL  
 Nov 5 - 9am - 4pm  
 Nov 6 - 9am - 3pm  
 Info: Retta Anderson (727) 866 - 8830

**November 6 & 7 - NEW JERSEY**

Tristate AV Council Show/Sale  
 Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Haggerty Center  
 51 E. Hanover Ave., Morristown, NJ  
 Nov 6 - 1:30pm - 5pm  
 Nov 7 - 10am - 4pm  
 Info: Stephen Burrell (914) 896 - 8605

**November 6 & 7 - MISSOURI**

Mid America AVS Show/Sale  
 Loose Park Garden Center  
 5100 Pennsylvania  
 Kansas City, MO  
 Nov 6 - 10am - 4pm  
 Nov 7 - 10am - 3pm  
 Info: Tricia Taylor (816) 353 - 6571  
 Gayle Gill (816) 444 - 5193

**November 9 - NEW MEXICO**

Albuquerque AVC Presentation  
 Albuquerque Garden Center  
 10120 Lomas Blvd. NE  
 Albuquerque, NM  
 Hours: 1pm - 3pm  
 Info: Nancy Stewart (505) 890 - 8420

**November 11 - 13 - VIRGINIA**

Mid Atlantic AVS Convention/Show/Sale  
 Holiday Inn Central  
 Richmond, VA  
 Info: Cathy Akers (540) 786 - 9587

BY JOYCE STENGER

HOUSTON, TX

Our violet club meets during the lunch hour!

Once each month we have fellowship, business meeting, raffle, and a program speaker all in 60 minutes. We also eat our lunch during that hour. Here is how our club squeezes in the most for our members in a short time.

Two weeks before a meeting our secretary mails a news memo to members about the meeting, speaker, and program. To save time, the news memo covers items to be voted on at the next meeting. Included in our news memo are telephone numbers of club members. This provides opportunity for members to contact others about the items to be voted upon or plant questions.

Our club meets at a pizza shop centrally located with food freshly cooked and waiting. Salads and drinks are available. The day before the meeting, we have a designated caller who contacts (or leaves a message) to every club member or invited guest reminding each of them about this event. A final call is made to the pizza shop to remind them that we are coming. (Our pizza shop does not charge for using their meeting room because we buy our lunch there.)

Members start to come to the pizza shop, get their food, and begin to eat in the meeting room. An attendance sheet is available so members sign up as they enter. There is fellowship about violets and personal news. Our vice president writes down attendees names on a slip of paper then drops each slip into a cup. Names are added as the last of the members and guests arrive.

**12:00 Noon** - The president calls the meeting to order. Guests are recognized, treasurer report is read, and correspondence covered briefly.

**12:05 PM** - Minutes, published in our news memo, are not read. A request however, is made for corrections or additions.

**12:10 PM** - Old business is reviewed with a vote on any items that need to be resolved.

**12:15 PM** - New business is covered. If anything is complicated, the president tables the matter so members can evaluate the issue between meetings.

**12:20 PM** - Announcements are made including the addition of new members, field trips, local shows, or awards earned by members.

**12:25 PM** - Raffle is held and door prize violets are given to winners in case they have to leave.

**12:29 PM** - Meeting is adjourned and speaker announced.

**12:30 PM** - The speaker begins a previously determined program.

**12:50 PM** - Speaker opens the discussion for questions.

**12:51 PM** - Members who need to can now can leave.

**12:58 PM** - Speaker completes the program.

**12:59 PM** - Reservation for pizza shop is made for next month.

**1:00 PM** - Members leave full of news, violets, and fellowship.

Our violet club has all adult working-professionals that are conditioned to meetings and schedules. They have their own transportation with varied lunch hours. They work for multiple companies within ten miles of our meeting place. Most members grow part of their collection at their office or place of business. We never use e-mail for communication, as our employers do not allow it. We do have free access to telephone calling and faxes.

Meetings do not have to be long or complex. If your club has a time constraint, why not try a 60-minute meeting?

# WHERE THEY ONCE GREW

Many growers of African violets, when asked where the species originated will reply that most were discovered in the mountains of Tanzania, with a few coming from neighboring Kenya. While this is certainly true, the habitats in which the individual species were growing were often quite different – in altitude, temperature and soil conditions.

The first two species of “das violette Usambara”, as they were first named when discovered by Baron Walter Von St Paul, were discovered in two different locations: the first at about 150 to 500 feet (45 to 150 metres) above sea level in wooded places, in the fissures of limestone rocks, growing in rich soil with plenty of vegetable matter. The second site was in the shady primeval forest area of Numbara, with no granite rock, at about 2500 feet (700 metres) above sea level. Although they were not at first recognized as being two different species, the first was *Saintpaulia ionantha*, one of two species from which all modern day hybrids are thought to have come. It is probably from *S. ionantha* that modern hybrids have inherited the ability to withstand higher temperatures, since the average day temperature of its original habitat was 80 degrees F. (approximate) 26 degrees C.

As more species were discovered, the range of altitudes in which the *Saintpaulia* was known to grow became wider. One species, *S. goetzeana*, grew in mosses at 4,000 to 6,000 feet (1200 to 1500 metres) in primeval forest. This species is very difficult to grow, particularly under home conditions. It flowers very rarely, and requires warm day conditions but very cool night conditions, which would not be suitable for most modern cultivars. Another species, *S. orbicularis*, was found growing in the shade with daytime temperatures reaching 90 degrees F. (32 degrees C.) and 45 degrees F. (10 degrees C.) at night, at an altitude of 1200 metres.

The variety of soil conditions in which species *Saintpaulia* grow is very wide. For example, *S. grotei* was found growing in dense shade near running water, but needed perfect drainage. *S. pusilla* was found on large mossy boulders in primeval forest. *S. confusa* grew on gneiss rock but needs more water during cultivation. *S. shumensis*, on

the other hand, grew in dry forest on cliff faces and doesn't need so much water. *S. grandifolia* grew in fertile clay soil. *S. difficilis* appeared to have kept its options open by being discovered in three areas: on rocks by a stream, in evergreen dry forest and on damp rocks in an evergreen rain forest.

*Saintpaulia inconspicua*, which was believed to have been lost during World War II, was found only occasionally in moist forest soil. Another species, *S. magungensis* var. *occidentalis*, is now believed to be extinct in Africa. The area in which it was discovered became farmland on which sisal was grown.

While this article covers only a small proportion of the *Saintpaulia* species, it shows that the range of habitats under which they grew was very broad. It follows that, in order to grow species *Saintpaulia* successfully, the ideal culture conditions under which they are grown should mirror as closely as possible the natural habitats under which they were discovered, particularly in the areas of temperature and type of soil used (since some species require more or less water than others). Light should also be considered, as light conditions ranged from heavy to very light shade.

While it would be extremely difficult for any one person to grow all available species under home conditions, it would be great if all *Saintpaulia* growers tried to grow at least one species – it would be a catastrophe if any more were lost.

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# CHIMERAS

Before I even start, I must tell you that a Chimera is my favorite African violet next to miniatures. They are fascinating plants and a real challenge to propagate. Their price range is also higher than the average African violet, because of the difficulty to propagate a true Chimera.

The name Chimera originated from Greek mythology and it means a fire-breathing animal with the head of a lion, a goat's body and the tail of a snake. It is thought that the Chimera is two cultivars mixed in one.

They are one of those African violets that will not propagate true from a leaf. If you have a Chimera that is blue and white and you try propagating from a leaf, you will end up with either plain blue flowers or maybe plain white flowers.

## PROPAGATION

### Flower Stalk

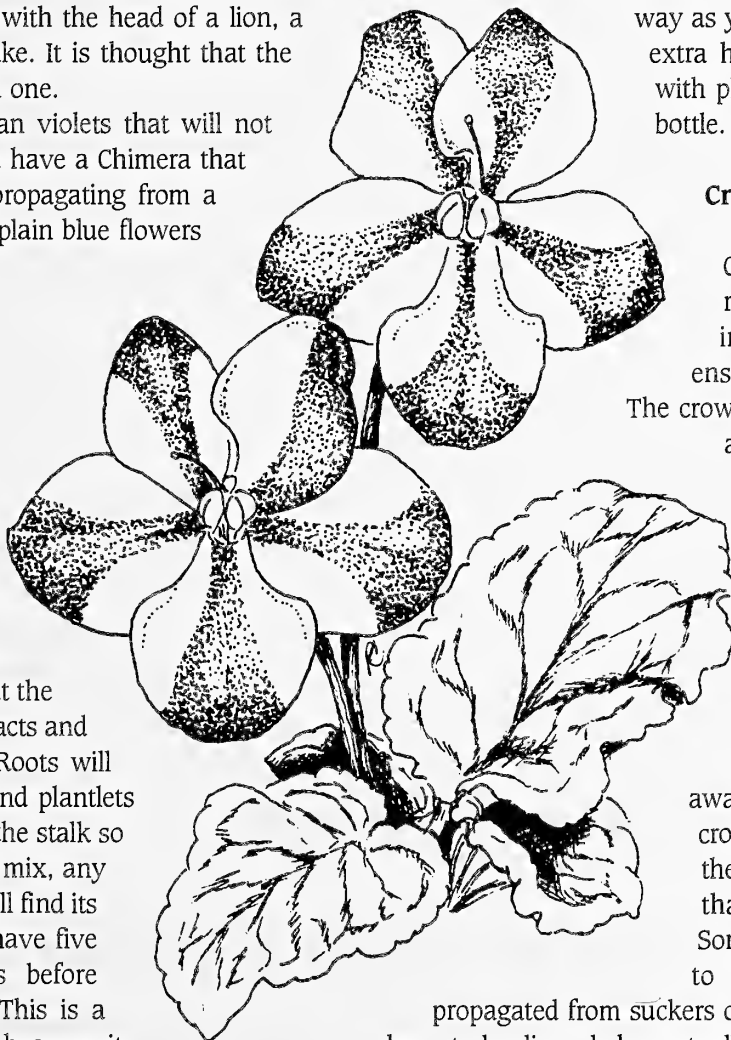
Select only flower stalks that have true flowers on them. The larger the leaf bracts, the greater chance of success. Remove all the flowers and buds from the stalk. You will be left with the leaf bracts. Cut the stalk about 2cm below the leaf bracts and pot this up in your violet mix. Roots will develop at the end of the stalk and plantlets from the leaf bracts. If you plant the stalk so that the bracts are just above the mix, any roots that the plantlet develops will find its way to the mix. Wait until you have five to six leaves on the plantlets before removing them from the stalk. This is a very slow way of propagating, because it takes some time for the plantlets to form. Cover the plant for humidity with plastic or a plastic cold drink bottle.

### Suckers

Occasionally the Chimera will develop a sucker. Leave them on the mother plant until they are well developed before removing them. (Again, wait until they have about six leaves). Remove the sucker with a sharp knife or blade. You can now root it the same way as your leaves. Cover the plant for extra humidity, either by covering it with plastic or in a plastic cold drink bottle.

### Crown Removal

You can also force the Chimera to form suckers by removing the crown and leaving a few leaves on the plant to ensure the survival of the plant. The crown can be planted like a sucker as described in the method for suckers. This method will force the plant to form suckers (side shoots) as it has no growing center and it will put all its energy into the side shoots. Wait until the sucker is big enough to remove and then pot as described above. Scrape away scar tissue, if any, in the crown and you might find that the plant would give you more than one crop of suckers. Sometimes the Chimera will fail to reproduce true even when propagated from suckers or stalks. The mother plant will have to be discarded eventually.



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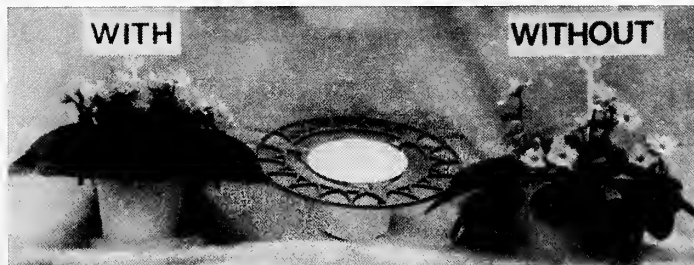
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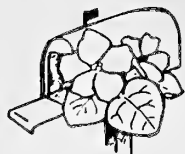
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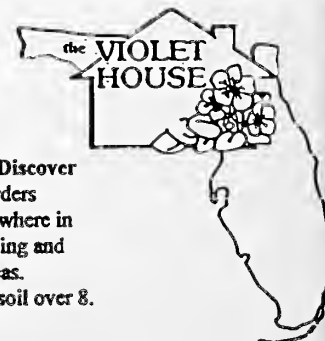
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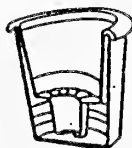
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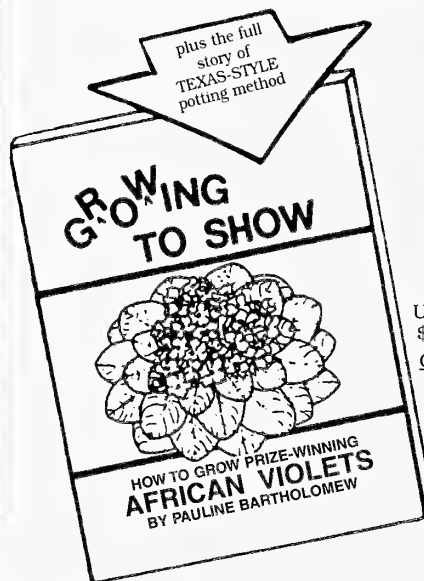
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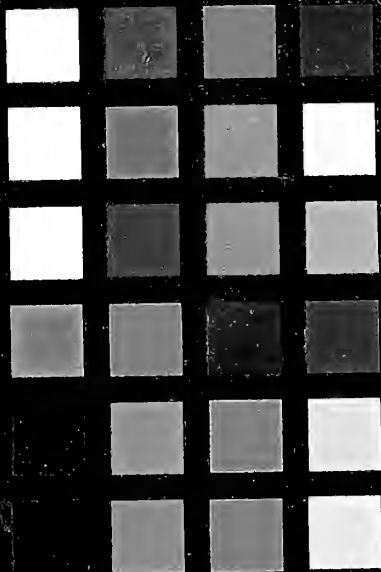


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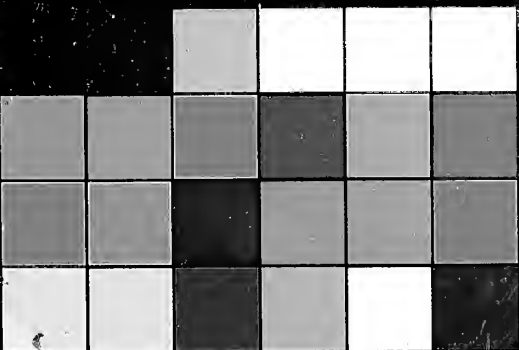
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